

THE GREAT LYNCHING RUMOR

1907

WICHITA, KANSAS: Custer County

On December 10, 1907, at Wichita, Kansas, George Gibson, 25, a Negro, was lynched and beaten to death by a mob of approximately 150 persons. He had been accused of having killed his employer, W. H. Welch, 40, a Negro, who had been manager of the Standard Oil Company's gas tank farm at the time he was shot and killed in the following November.

Gibson had accused of shooting his friend, Mervin Ward, 20, and also threatened to lynch him for spilling two cans of milk. This occurred on October 20, 1907.

At the time of the shooting, it is said "community feeling was built up and there was a great deal of talk and featuring Gibson, and that a group of men met daily for several weeks and discussed punishing him." He had invited many people on various occasions.

After Gibson's disappearance, thirty-two persons were given the death sentence and no execution of any condemned. It was discovered that they had been paid off and that each man had been purchased at the local drug store and were used by men to avoid telling what they knew of the crime.

Gibson's death was attributed to "malicious action" and Welch was tried in October, 1909 after trial, as a result of a directed verdict. The State dropped its case against Gibson, when the Supreme Court judges told the jury that the State's evidence had failed to connect Welch with the crime. The Court said, "There was no proof Welch was an active participant in the planning or in the crime."

All participants were white.

MISSOURI

DALEY V. JACKSON, Kansas, 10-12-07, p. 1

WHITE TRAILER, Lexington, Ky., 10-12-07,

10-12-07, p. 1

CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, JOURNALVILLE, Fla., 10-12-07, 10, p. 1

MURKIN v. KENNEDY, 10-12-07, p. 1

**THE GREAT LYNCHING RUMOR relating to this lynching may be found under
December 1907.**

**THE GREAT LYNCHING RUMOR relating to this lynching may be found under
December 1907.** This entry gives the date and place when Welch was accused in October, 1907
and tried in the first trial and when he was executed in 1907. This was
the second trial and was held in 1908.

Another Till Case

Alabama Boy, 17, Taken From Home By Mob, Lynched!

Sat. 11-9-57
BURKVILLE, Ala.—Rogers Hamilton, 17, was lynched here. He made the mistake of getting interested in the "wrong" colored girl.

Young Rogers was slain by a group of white men in the back of a truck after he had disregarded "warnings" of white men to stay away from the "colored girls" in nearby Haynesville.

He was shot to death during a lynching party which had all of the earmarks of the notorious slaying of Emmett Till which shook the entire world.

One of the worst "crimes" under the South's unwritten code of "tradition" is for a Negro to get "interested" in a "colored gal" who is the object of the affections of a white man. Rogers made that mistake and it cost him his life.

Death came to Rogers in the "traditional" manner. On either Tuesday or Wednesday night, Oct. 23 or 24, a group of white men went to the Lowndes County home of Rogers and asked his mother if he were present.

After being told that he was present, one of the men asked Mrs. Hamilton, "tell him to come out here, we have some cigarettes for him." Answered Rogers, "All right, after I put on some shoes."

P. 3 Sat. 11-9-57
ONE OF THE criminals shot back, "You don't need any g-d-shoes," snatched him out of the doorway and threw him into a waiting

As the truck drove away there were sounds of fists smacking against flesh and the cries of Rogers, screaming for help, mingled with the anguished pleas of his mother crying for her son's life as she ran futilely after the truck until it passed from sight.

County for they are bowing to threats of intimidation.

Crosses have been burned at Fort Deposit and Mount Willing. Negro merchants have been denied goods to sell.

PERHAPS A premonition of what was coming should have told young Rogers to get ready for any eventuality. About three days before he was slain, Rogers, in the company of two other teenage friends, was walking toward Haynesville with the hope of picking up a ride.

A white woman driving a car passed them, drove ahead for a few feet, turned around and went back in the direction from which they had come. Within a few minutes

Police are reported investigating other attacks on Negroes in Alabama:

1. The bombing (Oct. 19) and burning (Nov. 2) of a home purchased by Mrs. Cleo Prince in Fountain Heights, Birmingham.

2. The bombing of a home (Nov. 2) owned by Atty. David H. Hood Jr. in Bessemer, Ala.

utes she had returned with a group of white men.

Two of the boys ran, but Rogers didn't and he was handed an unmerryful beating and then told to stay away from the Negro girls in Haynesville.

EVIDENTLY, THE whites were not satisfied with the "warning" for they returned to spirit Rogers away from his home and execute him as an object lesson to other "smart young nigras" who might have designs on the "pretty browns" who live in Haynesville.

The lesson did strike home to Rogers. He gave up his life to gain the knowledge.

Whites Kill Him Over Negro Girl

BURKVILLE, Ala. — Because 17-year-old Roger Hamilton disregarded "warnings" to stay away from the "colored girls" in Haynesville, he was shot to death during a lynching party recently by a group of white men.

The men came to Rogers house in Lowndes County and asked his mother, Mrs. Beatrice Hamilton, if he was home.

After being told that he was in, one of the men told his mother to "tell him to come out here, we have some cigarettes for him."

When Rogers answered back, "All right, after I put on some shoes," one of the group shouted, "You don't need any g-d-shoes," snatched him out of the doorway and threw him into a waiting truck.

As the truck drove away, the men began beating the youth who screamed for help. His mother ran after the truck, futilely begging for her son's life.

After the truck passed from sight, a pistol shot was heard and 30 minutes later, an unidentified man came to the Hamilton home and told his mother where she could find the body.

About three days before the slaying, young Hamilton and two other teenagers were walking toward Haynesville when a white woman driving a car passed them, drove ahead for a few feet, turned around and went back in the direction from which she had come.

Within minutes she returned with a group of white men who

beat Rogers Hamilton after he failed to run off with his companions. After the beating, he was told to stay away from the Negro girls in Haynesville.

According to reports, the lynching of young Hamilton has had the desired effect upon the Negroes in Lowndes County because they are bowing to threats and intimidation.

Lynch Mob Is Ruled Out In Slaying Of Lowndes Negro

FORT DEPOSIT, Nov. 14 (UPI)—house for the boy and took him away in a truck.

She told lawmen she followed the truck for a short distance and saw her son shot to death. She said she was some distance from the spot and could not identify the men.

The woman told varying stories about the incident, according to Ryals.

He said she first claimed the house men were white and then later changed her story. She was as saying her son might have been attacked over an argument about a woman.

Ryals said neither of

the two women stories could be verified. Ryals said neither of the two women stories could be verified.

The law officer said according to the young's mother, two unidentifiable men called at the

9155

9155

9157

'Mob Violence' Seen in Ga. Slaying

Lynchings?

HAWKINSVILLE, March 12 (UPI)—"thoroughly investigated from A Pulaski County grand jury every detailed angle and new developments are expected." Tuesday investigated a Negro's death which a judge described as "plainly and simply mob violence." Oconee circuit Judge John K. Whaley, in his charge to the grand jury, said "certainly it did not take a brave man or men to accomplish this execution . . . only a frenzied mob could have accomplished it."

Judge John K. Whaley of McRae, in charging the jury Monday to accomplish this execution . . . only a frenzied mob could have accomplished it."

Joe Sanford should be investigated "from stem to stern. . . . And Johnson said the investigation let the chips fall where they so far had not turned up any indication of the presence of a

mob, but added "I would say may."

Sanford's body was found submerged in Limestone Creek, a few miles from here, on March 1. Negro were members of a mob, after he had been missing for nearly a month. The Negro had been stabbed, bound with wire, and tied to undergrowth in the creek.

Authorities are seeking a motive for the murder.

"Whoever mobbed and killed this Negro did your city, your county, your state and the entire Southland a distinct disservice," Judge Whaley said. "By their conduct they have magnified a trying situation."

Whaley urged the grand jury to "let the world and this mob in particular know we stand for law and order."

Oconee Circuit Solicitor General J. Wade Johnson of Mt. Vernon indicated the inquiry would be long and that a large number of witnesses would be heard.

Probe of Negro's Slaying Pressed

New Orleans, La.

HAWKINSVILLE, Ga., March 13 (UPI)—Pulaski county authorities Wednesday pressed a "rigid" investigation into the slaying of Negro sawmill worker Willie Joe Sandford, whose knifed body was found wired to a creek bed

March 1.

He said there was no reason to believe that the killing was racially inspired.

A grand jury investigation was ordered by Circuit Judge J. K. Whaley after the body was discovered. Sandford had been missing for a month prior to his discovery and was believed to have been under water during that time.

Whaley said the grand jury had "recessed for the time being, but both the sheriff's office and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation are still investigating the case."

Oconee circuit solicitor J. Wade Johnson said the Pulaski county grand jury recessed its investigation Tuesday to enable questioning of everyone "even remotely connected" with the case.

Johnson said approximately 15 witnesses had already been heard. He said the case will be

Only a frenzied mob could do it

Atlanta, Ga.
Special To The AFRO
HAWKINSVILLE, Ga.—"Certainly it did not take a brave man or men to accomplish this execution—only a frenzied mob could have accomplished it."

Thus Oconee Circuit Judge

John K. Whaley described the first lynching of 1957 as he charged the Pulaski County Grand Jury which is investigating the brutal death of Willie Joe Sandford.

The lynching was revealed on March 1 when Sanford's water-logged body was raised from the bottom of Limestone Creek, a few miles from here, where it had been wired to the under growth.

An autopsy report disclosed that the sawmill worker of Cochran, missing since Feb. 2, had been dead for about 30 days.

BEFORE RECESSING the jury, Judge Whaley said:

"Whoever mobbed and killed this man did your city, your county and your state and the entire southland a distinct disservice. By their conduct they have magnified a trying situation."

Wade Johnson, Oconee Circuit Solicitor, said that the grand jury was questioning everyone "even remotely connected" with the case. He said some 15 witnesses had been questioned.

HE FURTHER added that although the investigations had not found any indications of the presence of a mob, "I would say that the guilty parties who killed the man were members of a mob, however large

27a 1957

GEORGIA (1915)

9158

Mrs. Leo Frank Dies In Atlanta

ATLANTA, April 24 (AP) — Mrs. Leo Frank, widow of Leo M. Frank who was lynched in an outbreak of mob violence here in 1915, died yesterday after a brief illness. She was 69.

Her late husband was convicted in 1913 of the murder of Mary Phagan, a 15-year-old Marietta girl. He was sentenced to be hanged but the sentence was commuted to life by the then Gov. John M. Slaton. (1913)

In August of 1915 a mob of masked men kidnaped Frank from the state prison farm at Milledgeville and hanged him from an oak tree near Marietta in Cobb County.

Mrs. Frank was the former Lucile S. Selig. She was a lifelong resident of Atlanta. (1915)

Funeral services will be held tomorrow with Rabbi Jacob Rothschild officiating.

Survivors include a sister and two nephews, all of Atlanta.

Mrs. Leo Frank Is Dead at 69; Widow of 1915 Lynch Victim

Tues. 4-21-57
Mrs. Leo M. (Lucile S.) Frank of 710 Peachtree St., NE, died Tuesday at an Atlanta hospital after a brief illness. She was 69.

Mrs. Frank was the widow of Leo M. Frank who was lynched in an outbreak of mob violence in 1915 as a result of the slaying of Mary Phagan, a 15-year-old Marietta girl who worked in an Atlanta pencil factory of which Frank was superintendent.

Mrs. Frank was a lifelong Atlantan. She was the former Lucile S. Selig. (1915)

She was a member of The Temple, and she was formerly a member of the Standard Town and Country Club and the Progressive Club.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Spring Hill. Rabbi Jacob Rothschild will officiate.

Mrs. Frank is survived by a sister, Mrs. Sara S. Marcus, and two nephews, Alan Marcus and Harold E. Marcus, all of Atlanta.

Was It Lynching? Judge Says 'No'

Amer. Set 1/15

Baltimore Md.

HAWKINSVILLE, Ga.—The judge who conducted the special grand jury inquiry into the murder of a 24-year-old, sawmill worker here two weeks ago, and who branded the execution as the "work of a frenzied mob," Thursday, denied that he regarded the killing as a lynching.

Circuit Judge John K. Whaley, declaring that "we haven't had lynching in this area in at least 30 years," backed down from his charge to the grand jury by redefining the word "lynching" in a talk with a reporter.

Said he: "I didn't mean mob in the accepted sense of the word—a wild, maniacal, illegal assemblage."

"I meant two or more persons acting in common on purpose in a quiet, cool, collected, cold-blooded manner. Only the actual killing of Willie Joe Sanford was frenzied."

"Was it a lynching?" he was asked.

"No!" he exclaimed with an almost indignant shake of his head.

SANFORD'S NAKED, waterlogged body was raised from the bottom of Limestone Creek a few miles from Hawkinsville on March 1, after being sighted by a fisherman. The body, which had been in the water nearly a month, was in a decomposed state.

It was identified by his sister, Mrs. Eva May Randall, who said the only way she could tell it was her brother was by his shoes and an operation scar on his stomach.

Sanford had been shot in the stomach a year ago by a white man with a rifle, who was released from jail after being held overnight. The scar was left from the operation of removing the bullet.

Sanford's hands had been tied together over his head and his ankles were also bound together, according to the sis-

The body bore numerous knife wounds and two head wounds apparently inflicted the crime because with a sharp instrument.

WHILE THE reporter was talking to Judge Whaley about the case, County Solicitor J. Wade Johnson, who conducted the futile grand jury investigation, dropped in for a visit.

Johnson agreed with Judge Whaley that the case was not a lynching, although earlier he had characterized the crime as a lynching, saying he agreed with the judge, whom he quoted as having said:

"I do not believe even the perpetrators of the crime would gloat over it if they see, as I did, a picture of the dead colored man, maltreated, slashed, hog-tied with wire, and gutted like an animal."

"Certainly it did not take a brave man or men to accomplish this illegal execution."

THURSDAY, BOTH the judge and the solicitor denied the possibility that Sanford was brutally murdered because he was colored.

But Johnson did concede, though seemingly hating to do so, that his investigation had led him to believe that two or more white persons had committed the crime.

Judge Whaley, attempting to explain the atmosphere of this Georgia town of some 2,200 residents, said:

Here, each of the races respects the other. Result is we have absolutely no trouble at all.

Racial relations between white and colored people are most amiable and amicable. Each of the races is satisfied with the present relationship."

JOHNSON GAVE A different version:

"Had there been a racial issue, it would not have been concealed. They'd have riddled him with bullets in the middle of the road or strung him up to a tree—and made no effort to hide it."

GEORGIA

ALTHOUGH ALL of the facts of the Monroe lynching were known in the community, and were investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, not a single arrest was made in the shooting to death of the four.

The more recent Emmett Till case, too, in bordering Mississippi, seemingly has impressed upon the minority group population the futility of striving to seek for justice in a Deep South dastardly murder of 1957 will probably not be called to justice for their crime.

This is the impression the AFRO received Saturday, when it was informed by an Officer Bridges at the Hawkinsville police station that nobody had been held by the grand jury for killing the 16-year-old Chicago boy on vacation in Sanford, Miss., they were freed of Sanford's water-logged body charges of murder and even of was raised from the bottom of kidnapping him, which they ad-Limestone Creek, a few miles mitted doing while on the stand from here, on March 1. The body had been wired to the undergrowth.

SOME OF THE whites in AN AUTOPSY report disclosed to the AFRO that the sawmill worker brought into the national news Feb. 2, had been dead for about spotlight; others are defiant in 30 days. keeping with southern tradition.

"I'm appalled and distressed," jury investigating the brutal said the Rev. Frank Gilmore, lynching of Sanford was told by pastor of First Methodist Circuit Judge John K. Whaley Church, about the lynching of "Certainly it did not take a Sanford. "It hurts our town. I brave man or men to act think everyone deplores it, accomplish this execution—only and wants the criminals caught frenzied mob could have accomplished it."

On the other hand, a gray-haired woman florist, Mrs. H. S. Fountain, declared about the material suspect in the case:

Sheriff Andrew Hill, who reported King's release from jail, said that he had been kept in jail in Macon, 50 miles away, for "his own safety."

The sheriff explained: "We couldn't find any evidence in the case, so I didn't feel I couldn't get my colored maid to leave me for anything." he should be held any longer."

The story that Arthur King ALTHOUGH THE only material witness in the case is released and the inquiring grand jury recessed after having interviewed 15 persons before it, the murder case, technically, is still alive.

Thirty-four men are still investigating the killing, according to Sheriff Hill. In addition to Johnson, they include four agents from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, four sheriffs, two doctors and the 23 members of the grand jury.

According to Solicitor John- son, "A break may come with of two colored men and in hours or weeks or months their wives near Monroe, Ga., or it may never crack, but 10 years ago, has not been forgotten by the adults of the com-

Lynching Unsolved

No Clues, No Suspects!

Lynch Town Pittsburgh, Pa. Still Silent

HAWKINSVILLE, Ga.—Dixie's split personality has been put on display in this village of 2,200 souls where the violent death of sawmill worker Willie Joe Sandford remains a "big mystery."

One group of townsfolk whisper in hushed tones that Sandford's death was a lynching. Another group says that Sandford might have been murdered, but he certainly was not lynched.

There are others who maintain that the entire thing is just a "whole lot of mess over nothing," that Sandford is "just another dead n—r."

THE WEIRD story was unfolded here about a month ago when a fisherman, H. H. Vickers, discovered the nude corpse of Sandford, stabbed, bludgeoned, trussed up and tied to undergrowth on the bottom of a creek.

Arthur King, a friend of the late Willie Joe, was subsequently held as a material witness and sent "up North" to Macon for safekeeping, where he remained until Friday before being released by Pulaski County Sheriff Hill, who announced, "We couldn't find any evidence in the case, so I didn't feel in fairness to the man that he should be held any longer."

Whatever King told his captors has not been revealed.

What is more important is the fact that the citizens of Hawkinsville have, seemingly, for the most part, shunned the implication that Sandford was a victim of a lynching. However, there are those who think otherwise.

Solicitor Johnson had first called the Sandford mystery a lynching and announced that Circuit Court Judge Whaley shared his opinion. Both men were said to have agreed that Sandford's death came at the hands of a "frenzied mob."

On the other hand, Judge Whaley's reply, when approached by a reporter, was, "Why, we haven't had a lynching in this area in at least 30 years."

NEGRO RESIDENTS of Hawkinsville are silent; they won't talk. Although the Pulaski County sheriff had stated that Willie Joe's death began with a ruckus at a liquor store in the "Dirty Spoon" section of Hawkinsville, Susan Huggins, who lives across the street from the store in question, said, "I stood out on my porch all the time. I didn't see any trouble that day."

9156

Lynch Terror Drove Hundreds of Negroes Out of Texas and Tennessee in 1889

A great many Negroes have wondered why Logan Jackson, pioneer Oklahoman, of Kingfisher county, would recall that 500 Negroes from Tennessee put their feet in the roads and Indian trails westward and came to Oklahoma in 1889. They cannot conceive of the urge that would cause 500 black people to surge toward the Indian Territory and the unsettled lands of the West.

One suggestion that a lot of folk may not be thinking about is that in the Deep South during that year 81 black men and women were lynched. The Ku Klux Klan was also raging during that period and the resolute, outspoken former slaves who dared to exercise in a very elementary way the freedom given them by Lincoln, were, if not lynched, tarred and feathered and subjected to all forms of torture. Where 81 were slain, there were perhaps ten times as many who suffered the agonies of death from the cruel Southerners, who were determined the Lincoln ultimatum would not take effect.

Then as now, it was impossible to keep news of better localities and more favorable communities getting to the newly freed men, and word had come to Tennesseans that with a little effort they could cross the Mississippi, and when safely across Arkansas they could enter the forests and the wilderness of Oklahoma, where the Indian had accepted the black man and woman on a complete basis of equality.

The vacant lands in Oklahoma Territory were in a certain sense a City of Refuge, and that is one reason why Guthrie, Oklahoma, became at once the shining star in the new territory, where the zephyrs of freedom were reported to roam. All of the intelligentsia of the South immediately drifted this way, and they were hardy men and women who knew that just a few years before the Indians had been driven through the forests of this area by United States soldiers and many of them had arrived on foot. As rumors do, the story of their oppulence and ease in their new homes was often exaggerated.

With this in mind, a group, variously estimated as near 500, left middle Tennessee and moved toward Memphis. Many who left Tennessee, like the Carruthers, who for many years have been one of our leading families, came on trains; but just as the Indians were forced to do by the government, many came through the woods and waded across unbridged streams to get to the Promised Land. It is the memory of the flight of this uneducated group, who in their ignorance felt that the Klan was some sort of supernatural monster, causes many Southerners today to think the Invisible Empire, reincarnated, can terrorize the educated and intelligent Negroes of this day.

The first principal of the separate schools in Oklahoma City was among those who left Gallatin, Tennessee at that time. J. D. Randolph brought a large family to Oklahoma. Along with him came many of his relatives, Bill Cage, Allen Watkins, Hallie Foster, and many others. They formed the first nucleus of the Tennessee blacks in Oklahoma City. It can be seen from the Logan Jackson story that they continued on to the west as far as Kingfisher, and many of them located out in the Dunbar settlement, west of Kingfisher.

HISTORICAL

The sharecropper system inaugurated down in Dixie during that period, was intended then to be a device by which the Negro could be held legally in bondage, despite Lincoln's freedom. It was devised somewhat like efforts now to perpetuate segregation through various subterfuges effected in the school system and in residential areas. Brutal methods were developed to give thousands of Negroes criminal records and thus place them in and under supervision of the police and then perpetually control them under what is still known down in Arkansas as "Hireling Bonds."

This is a system by which Negroes are systematically arrested and charged with misdemeanor offenses. They are then, while under arrest by the sheriff, hired out to planters who pay one-tenth of the bond charged but work the helpless blacks for the full amount of the bond.

Ulysses Bond, son of the famous Scott Bond, who owned hundreds of acres of land down in the Mississippi delta just out of Forrest City, told me this story of near peonage that exists today to a degree down in the lowlands below Crawley Ridge.

So it can be seen that there were urgent reason why the Negroes in Tennessee were anxious to walk barefooted and near naked through the woods, coming to Oklahoma in 1889.

A large number of the early pioneers came from Texas and Arkansas. Willis Tucker, pioneer Oklahoma City business man, came from Texas. Tucker's relatives, many of them, lived in Arkansas. We recall that a particularly fiendish murder occurred in Paris, Texas in about 1890, and Dad used to sit around the fireplace in the early years and frequently say, "I hope a child of mine will never be caught in Texas." He repeated this so often that I grew up with the feeling that the worst place on earth was just below Red river. I was later to investigate the lynching at Sherman, but that came fully 40 years later. I was attuned to savagery in Texas, where 276 blacks were sacrificed to wild mobs in 1889. When Oklahoma was opened to white settlement, it was the search for physical safety that sent hordes of Negroes swarming toward Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri during Reconstruction, many of whom were qualified to hold public office, as was shown in Logan Jackson's reminiscence about Kingfisher county last week.

While rape was the general charge against a Negro lynched in those pristine years, it was discovered that on close investigation, Negroes were in those times lynched for the following offenses: killing an officer of the law, being intimate with a woman, mistaken identification, striking a man in a quarrel, cattle stealing, indecent exposure, and frightening woman and child, sassing white men, intimidating an officer of the law. During this holocaust of murder, all of these reasons were assigned as justification in slaying, burning and hanging defenseless Southerners.

27a 1957

Acquitted Till Killers Tell of Death Threats EMMETT TILL KILLERS PUNISHED

Courier Pittsburgh, Pa.
set 1-12-57
NEW YORK—The half brothers acquitted of murdering 14-year-old Emmett (Bobo) Till disclosed they have received numerous death threats since a Mississippi jury absolved them in the famous "wolf-whistle" killing of the Chicago Negro youth.

The threats of J. W. Milam and his half-brother, Roy Bryant, in the form of letters from outside the state, were revealed in an article in the new issue of Look magazine by William Bradford Huie, who repeated charges he made in Look a year ago that Milam shot the Negro youth after Till had made advances at Bryant's wife.

Despite the threats to him and his family, Milam has been forbidden to carry a gun by the sheriff, the magazine said.

MILAM ALSO admitted in the article that he and Bryant have suffered resentment from their neighbors and a string of economic reverses in the 16 months since their trial.

He told of the following setbacks:

A boycott by Negroes which has forced the pair to close or sell a chain of small stores they had operated in the Mississippi Delta.

Refusal of many Negroes to work in Milam's cotton fields, forcing him to hire white men at higher pay.

Being unable to rent land or borrow money in Tallahatchie County, the county which had "swarmed" to his defense during the trial.

Of his current status, Milam declared that "I don't know nobody and nobody knows me."

"Everything's gone against me — even the dry weather which has hurt my cotton. I'm living in a share-crop with no water in it. My wife and kids are having it hard," he said in

The law failed to bring justice in the heartless killing of Emmett Till in the Mississippi "wolf-whistle" case.

But the awakening conscience of the South is giving the Till killers a measure of the punishment they deserve. See LOOK MAGAZINE and you'll be amazed by the measures

which many Mississippians — both whites and Negroes alike — have taken to make life difficult for Milam and Bryant, the killers of Emmett Till. The full story is in the new issue of LOOK.

today — get

LOOK

the article.

THE MAGAZINE quoted a citizen of Tallahatchie County, scene of the Till death, on why the pair's "friends" had turned on them:

"We figured we might as well be rid of them. They're a tough bunch. And you know there's just one thing wrong with encouraging one o' these peckerwoods to kill a n——ing in Mississippi." He don't know when to stop — journalist, William Bradford Huie, and the rascal may wind uprocked the nation.

One year ago, a daring story in LOOK Magazine, entitled "The Shocking Story of Approved Killers of Emmet (Bobo) Till" by the noted

story named the killers — J. W. Milam and his half-brother, Roy Bryant — and presented details of the crime.

Now, in the current issue of LOOK Magazine, there is an equally daring sequel to that story.



EMMETT TILL

MISSISSIPPI

again by William Bradford Huie, that described an ironic turn of events in the lives of the Emmett Till killers during the year since the slaying.

Many of those who rushed to the aid of Milam and Bryant, reveals Mr. Huie in LOOK, have changed their minds, and the two slayers, ostracized from the society of white people in their own country, have become lonely and impoverished men.

Tues. 1-8-57

You'll find this dramatic story — a story that goes to the very heart of America's racial problems — in the new LOOK, now at your newsstand.

9160

Accused in Emmett Till Case, bare death threats

Baltimore, Md.

OF HIS present standing in NEW YORK (NNPA) — The community, Milam said: "I suspected killers of 14-year-old Emmett (Bobo) Till disclosed

Monday that they have received numerous death threats since a Mississippi jury freed them.

The threats to J. W. Milam and his half-brother, Roy Bryant, in the form of letters from outside the state, were revealed in an article in the new issue of Look Magazine by William Bradford Huie, who repeated charges he made a year ago that Milam shot the Chicago boy after Till had "wolf-whistled" at Bryant's wife.

Despite the threats to him and his family, Milam has been forbidden to carry a gun by the sheriff, the magazine said.

MILAM ALSO admitted in the article that he and Bryant have suffered resentment from their neighbors and a string of economic setbacks in the 16 months since their trial.

He told of the following reverses:

A boycott by colored people which forced the pair to close or sell a chain of small stores they had operated in the Mississippi Delta.

Refusal of many colored persons to pick cotton in Milam's fields, forcing him to hire white cotton pickers at higher pay.

Being unable to rent land or borrow money in Tallahatchie County which had "swarmed" to his defense during the trial.

NEW YORK. — The half brothers acquitted of murdering 14-year-old Emmett (Bobo) Till disclosed Monday that they have received numerous death threats since a Mississippi jury absolved them in the famous "wolf-whistle" killing of the Chicago Negro youth.

Despite the threats to him and his family, Milam has been forbidden to carry a gun by the sheriff, the magazine said.

Milam also admitted in the article that he and Bryant have suffered resentment from their neighbors and a string of economic reverses in the 16 months since their trial.

He told of the following setbacks:

He repeated charges he made in Look a year ago that forced the pair to close or sell

Till Killers Receive Threatening Letters

NEW YORK. — The half brothers acquitted of murdering 14-year-old Emmett (Bobo) Till disclosed Monday that they have received numerous death threats since a Mississippi jury absolved them in the famous "wolf-whistle" killing of the Chicago Negro youth.

Despite the threats to him and his family, Milam has been forbidden to carry a gun by the sheriff, the magazine said.

Milam also admitted in the article that he and Bryant have suffered resentment from their neighbors and a string of economic reverses in the 16 months since their trial.

He told of the following setbacks:

He repeated charges he made in Look a year ago that forced the pair to close or sell

chain of small stores they had operated in the Mississippi Delta. Refusal of many Negroes to work in Milam's cotton fields, forcing him to hire white men at higher pay.

Being unable to rent land or borrow money in Tallahatchie County, the county which had "swarmed" to his defense during the trial.

Of his current status, Milam declared that "I don't know nobody and nobody knows me."

"Everything's gone against me—even the dry weather which has hurt my cotton. I'm living in a share-crop with no water in it. My wife and kids are having it hard," he said in the article.

The magazine quoted a citizen of Tallahatchie County, scene of the Till death, on why the pair's "friends" had turned on them:

"We figured we might as well be rid of them. They're a tough bunch. And you know there's just one thing wrong with encouraging one o' these peckerwoods to kill a nigger. He don't know when to stop—and the rascal may wind up killing you."

Neighbors and Friends Turn Thumbs Down on Culprits

Dispatch *Fri. 1-18-57* *P. 1*
Tallahatchie County, Miss.
NEW YORK—(AP)—The half brothers acquitted of murdering 14-year-old Emmett (Bobo) Till disclosed last week that they have received numerous death threats since a Mississippi jury absolved them in the famous "wolf-whistle" killing of the Chicago Negro youth.

The threats to J. W. Milam and his half-brother, Royold Emmett (Bobo) Till disclosed

Bryant, in the form of letters from outside the state, were revealed in an article in the new issue of Look Magazine by William Huie, who repeated charges he made in Look a year ago that Milam shot the Negro youth after Till had made advances at Bryant's wife.

Despite the threats to him and his family, Milam has been forbidden to carry a gun by the Sheriff, the magazine said.

Milam also admitted in the article that he and Bryant have suffered resentment from their neighbors and a string of economic reverses in the 16 months since their trial.

He told of the following setbacks:

A boycott by Negroes which has forced the pair to close or sell a chain of small stores they had operated in the Mississippi Delta.

Refusal of many Negroes to work in Milam's cotton fields, forcing him to hire white men at higher pay.

Being unable to rent land or borrow money in Tallahatchie County, the county which had "swarmed" to his defense during the trial.

Of his current status, Milam declared that "I don't know nobody and nobody knows me."

"Everything's gone against me—even the dry weather which has hurt my cotton. I'm living in a share-crop with no water in it. My wife and kids are having it hard," he said in the article.

The magazine quoted a citizen of Tallahatchie County, scene of the Till death, on why the pair's "friends" had turned on them:

Till Killers Reveal Death Threats In Many Letters

New Orleans, La. *Weekly Sat. 1-12-57*
NEW YORK — The half brothers acquitted of murdering 14-year-old Emmett (Bobo) Till disclosed today they had received numerous death threats since a Mississippi jury absolved them in the famous "wolf-

which has hurt my cotton. I'm living in a share-crop with no water in it. My wife and kids are having it hard," he said in the article.

The magazine quoted a citizen of Tallahatchie County, scene of the Till death, on why the pair's "friends" had turned on them:

"We figured we might as well be rid of them. They're a tough bunch. And you know there's just one thing wrong with encouraging one o' these peckerwoods to kill a He don't know when to stop—and the rascal may wind up killing you."

Today they have received numerous death threats since a Mississippi jury absolved them in the famous "wolf-whistle" killing of the Chicago Negro youth.

The threats to J. W. Milam and his half-brother, Roy Bryant, in the form of letters from outside the state, were revealed in an article in the new issue of Look Magazine by William Bradford Huie, who repeated charges he made in Look a year ago that Milam shot the Negro youth after Till had made advances at Bryant's wife.

Despite the threats to him and his family, Milam has been forbidden to carry a gun by the sheriff, the magazine said.

Milam also admitted in the article that he and Bryant have suffered resentment from their neighbors and a string of economic reverses in the 16 months since their trial.

He told of the following setbacks: A boycott by Negroes which has forced the pair to close or sell a chain of small stores they had operated in the Mississippi Delta.

Refusal of many Negroes to work in Milam's cotton fields, forcing him to hire white men at higher pay.

Being unable to rent land or borrow money in Tallahatchie County, the county which had "swarmed"

to his defense during the trial.

Complains of Weather

Of his current status, Milam declared that "I don't know nobody and nobody knows me."

"Everything's gone against me—even the dry weather which has hurt my cotton. I'm living in a share-crop with no water in it. My wife and kids are having it hard," he said in the article.

The magazine quoted a citizen of Tallahatchie County, scene of the Till death, on why the pair's "friends" had turned on them.

"We figured we might as well be rid of them. They're a tough bunch. And you know there's just one thing wrong with encouraging one o' these peckerwoods to kill a nigger. He don't know when to stop—and the rascal may wind up killing you."

9/61

~~The Church and Lynching~~

~~Black~~ Robert Moats Miller, of the department of history, University of North Carolina, in a 14-page discussion, "Protestant Churches and Lynching, 1919, 1939," in the Journal of Negro History, ~~nowhere~~ in the April number of that publication:

"The record of the Protestant churches was spotted, but on the whole their concern with lynching was both deeper and more widespread than commonly believed. Surely it would not be unfair to say that the Protestant churches deserve some share of the credit for helping this evil from the land."

Mr. Miller laboriously plows through the record of the church for thirty years, showing that religious life here in America was first indifferent and then began to catch up with the tempo of the times. He says that in Maryville, Missouri, when a demented Negro was chained to the roof of an unused structure and burned to death, the church was silent. It made no comment as to how the religious community felt about such barbarity. One publication said, "So long as the 'unmentionable crime' is committed and 'so long as the courts are lax and punishment uncertain, just so long will southern whites continue to take the law in their own hands," and this journal further pointed out that federal anti-legislation was not the proper answer to this type of breaking down of law and order.

This statement was somewhat similar to one issued by the Sociological Congress from Atlanta back in the early twenties when it condemned lynching but admonished in the next breath Negroes to stop assaulting white women.

Southern Methodists were not silent in their annual meeting in 1922. They issued a statement which vigorously condemned mob murder, and, according to Miller, the Baptists spoke out about in the same tone. The Committee on Interracial Relations delivered a stinging rebuke of mob violence and urged that perpetrators of such crimes be apprehended and punished. The Congregational churches also leaped into the fray, and various groups began to loan endorsement to the Dyer Anti-Lynching bill then before Congress.

About this same time the Federal Council of Churches, which represents about all of the Protestant denominations in the United States, formed a committee on church and race relations, and distributed thousands of pamphlets condemning lynching. It was just about this time that a group of southern women spoke out in no uncertain terms in condemnation of the savage practices of the period.

Just about this time the NAACP issued a factual statement which proved that most of the Negroes lynched were immolated for other crimes than rape. This was a very illuminating document and added fuel to the fire already started by the white church to stop mob murder.

In 1923, the Georgia Baptist Convention termed lynching "barbarous, heathenish and unchristian," and ministers in Texas spoke out in a forthright manner against the evil, while a Baptist minister in Georgia held a mob at bay.

While Congress never acted affirmatively on this subject, from the days of Representative Dyer up until this

hour, the churches began frequently to strike heavily for this type of legislation, although through the daily press there was a subtle endorsement of the crime.

From the research that has been made by Mr. Miller, the evolution of the white church has been slow but steady in its condemnation of the sin of Abel.

**Bob Considine Reports***Herald P. 6-b***Mrs. Coolidge Saved Cal From Lynching***Miami, Fla., July 16, 1957*

to announce, a bit later in his career, that he did not choose to run. He would have been chased.

★ ★ ★

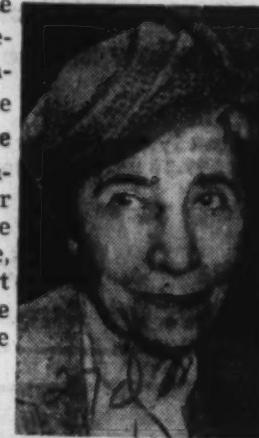
MRS. COOLIDGE ALWAYS impressed those who knew her as one who thoroughly understood her man and was amused by the economies of his mind and speech.

It was as if she was privy, well in advance, to her husband's reaction to the explosive indignation of a friend who burst into Cal's office at the White House one day with a copy of Rupert Hughes' book of George Washington—a book which dealt quite roughly with the Father of the Country.

For five minutes the friend quoted chapter and verse about Washington's departures from the Parson Weems concept.

Silent Cal was silent through the speech. When it was done he turned in his chair and looked out a window at the tall white shaft not far away.

"The monument's still there," he observed.



THE LATE MRS. CALVIN COOLIDGE, one of the most beautiful women ever to grace the White House, kept her husband from being lynched maybe—once upon a time.

It was the final game of the 1924 World Series between the Washington Senators and the New York Giants, score tied 3-3 in the ninth inning, the great Walter Johnson, who had gone in an inning before, pitching his old heart out after losing twice previously in one of the great series of all time.

When the final out was made in the last half of the ninth inning, score still tied, the President of the United States stood up in his prim and precise way, smoothed his coattails and beckoned to Grace Goodhue Coolidge.

The crowd was seething with tension as the Senators trotted out on the field to defend against the Giants in the first half of the tenth.

"Where do you think you are going?" Mrs. Coolidge asked, with some of the glacial quality of her husband.

"Home," said the President, surprised. "That was the end of the ninth inning; end of the game."

He started to leave the box, but Mrs. Coolidge grabbed his coat.

"You sit down!" she said sternly.

The President sat . . . and Washington went on to win the game and series in extra innings, the last time any Washington fan really had something to dance for in the streets.

If Cal had ankled out of the park when he chose there would have been no need for him

27e(1) 1957

SOUTH CAROLINA

WILLIE EARLE LYNCHED FEB. 17, 1947

\$2,000 paid his mother

After a nine year, 10 month delay

9162

Lynched man's mother finally given \$2,000

By JOHN H. McCRAY

GREENVILLE, S.C.—After a nine-year, 10-month delay, the county of Greenville has finally paid the \$2,000, required by state law, to the family of Willie Earle, brutally lynched

early morning of Feb. 17, 1947.

A Greenville attorney, who had turned the Earle case over to a partner in his law firm, told the AFRO Monday:

"I am sure the money was paid within the past two months, Ed say about the first part of January."

THE ATTORNEY was John B. Culbertson, a key figure in the defense of the 31 white men tried, 28 of them taxi drivers, and acquitted of the murder in Greenville general sessions court.

It was paradoxically

name Mr. Culbertson who, while a member of the Greenville County delegation in the South Carolina State Legislature,

made the motion that Mrs. Tessie Earle, mother of the victim, and other members of the family be paid.

"I think that was about 1949," Mr. Culbertson said.

Since, the money had been tied up in a lawsuit.

EARLE, a 26-year-old epileptic, had been seized from Pickens county jailer J. Ed Gilstrap by a "mob of men" shortly after midnight, Feb. 16.

He had been arrested for questioning at his home in Liberty the night of Feb. 16, in connection with the stabbing of a white taxi driver, Thomas W. Brown of the Greenville Yellow Cab Co., who was allegedly hired by Earle to haul him home.

His horribly mutilated body, half the face shot away, carved and slashed with knives, his jugular vein, a thigh and forearm carved around, was found

the state legislature, who had joined with Mr. Culbertson in defending the accused men.

HOW THE Brown suit angle was handled was not immediately known; nor was it known what persons other than Mrs. Robinson shared in the money, and their extent.

Neither Mr. Boulware, nor Greenville's Attorney Donald J. Sampson, who had also had a small part in the case, knew until the AFRO discovered it, that the money had been paid.

LAB SCHOOL CHILDREN HELP FIGHT POLIO

MRS. EARLE, who has since remarried and is now Mrs. Robinson, told the AFRO at the JACKSON, Miss.—This year, time that Willie had come home as usual, the children of the and had gone to bed before she Jackson State College Laboratory School participated in the left for her night job.

(Since remarrying, Mrs. Robinson has moved from Liberty by making sacrifices during the and now lives in the Freetown month of January to help in area of Greenville. She has the fight against the crippling disease.

The Earle lynchers, tried in May of 1947, were acquitted in a verdict which apparently disappointed and irritated presiding circuit Judge J. Robert Martin Jr.

THE JURIST didn't so much as give the customary "thanks" to the all-white jury as he left the courtroom.

Eight years ago, in January of 1949, Mrs. Robinson, as administratrix for her son's estate, filed a \$5,000 suit against Greenville and Pickens county.

She was represented by NAACP lawyers Harold R. Boulware of Columbia, Franklin H. Williams, now in San Francisco, Calif., and Thurgood Marshall.

PICKENS COUNTY was apparently eliminated when Greenville County, in which the victim's body was found, and where the trial was held, voted the \$2,000 required under state law.

A check was given Mr. Boulware for the amount, but because of a suit filed against the estate, this was turned over to a Pickens county attorney, also representing Mrs. Robinson, and until payment was made last month, was held in a Pickens county bank.

The suit holding up payment was brought by Mrs. Thomas W. Brown, widow of the slain cab driver. She was represented by former U.S. Sen. Thomas Wofford, then a member of

27e(2)

1957

Review Asked On Reversal In Rape Case

Atty. Gen. John Patterson yesterday formally petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to review a decision it rendered Jan. 14 when the death penalty conviction of a Dallas County Negro was reversed. The case involved is that of 27-year-old William Earl Fikes sentenced to die in the electric chair on charges of first degree burglary and attempted rape of the daughter of the mayor of Selma.

The high court reversed the conviction on the grounds that Fikes had been convicted on a confession "exacted" from him during 10 days when he was held at Kilby prison without aid of lawyers, friends or family.

CAN BE RETRIED
Under the court's ruling Fikes can be tried again, but the questioned confessions cannot be used as evidence against him.

The court also raised the question of Fikes' mental condition, noting that he was "certainly of low mentality, if not mentally ill."

On the issue of his removal to Kilby Prison, Patterson in his request for rehearing yesterday insisted it had been done for Fikes' own protection.

"Are Alabama authorities . . . to have their actions in promptly moving to safeguard their prisoners interpreted as an attempt to coerce a confession?" Patterson asked.

**Ala. to seek
a re-trial of
Fikes case**

SELMA, Ala. (AP)—The fate of a 27-year-old man who was recently saved from the electric chair by the U.S. Supreme Court appeared gloomy last week, as Alabama displayed displeasure over the high court verdict and prepared

to retry the man "as soon as possible."

William Earl Fikes, adjudged mentally ill by three psychiatrists, was convicted and sentenced to death in the electric chair by an Alabama Court for allegedly robbing the home of the daughter of this city's mayor.

THE HIGH court last week sent the case back for a re-trial.

The Supreme Court reversal was on grounds that two confessions from Fikes constituted a denial of due process of law. Circuit Alabama Solicitor Blachard McLeod said Fikes will be re-tried "as soon as I can get the judges together on the case."

In Rape Case

Atty. Gen. John Patterson yesterday formally petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to review a decision it rendered Jan. 14 when the death penalty conviction of a Dallas County Negro was reversed.

The case involved is that of 27-year-old William Earl Fikes.

Under the court's ruling Fikes can be tried again, but the questioned confessions cannot be used as evidence against him.

The court also raised the question of Fikes' mental condition, noting that he was "certainly of low mentality, if not mentally ill."

On the issue of his removal to Kilby Prison, Patterson in his request for rehearing yesterday insisted it had been done for Fikes' own protection.

"Are Alabama authorities . . . to have their actions in promptly moving to safeguard their prisoners interpreted as an attempt to coerce a confession?" Patterson asked.

On the issue of his removal to Kilby Prison, Patterson in his request for rehearing yesterday insisted it had been done for Fikes' own protection.

"Are Alabama authorities . . . to have their actions in promptly moving to safeguard their prisoners interpreted as an attempt to coerce a confession?" Patterson asked.

ALABAMA

2nd Reprieve

Advertiser
Given Negro

Montgomery, Ala.

A second reprieve was granted by Gov. James E. Folsom yesterday to a 57-year-old Negro under

well, daughter of Selma Mayor Chris Heinz.

Fikes was sentenced to 99 years in prison on the rape conviction and given a death sentence on the nighttime burglary counts. Attorneys retained by the NAACP won a U. S. Supreme Court reversal of the death sentence on the grounds that an alleged confession was obtained illegally from Fikes.

The circuit judge said the majority opinion of the court "speaks the truth neither as to the facts nor as to the law. The opinion offends and is repugnant to judicial sensibilities and the good name of the people of Alabama."

In the sacrifice of the South on the altars of the Supreme Court's psychological and sociological omniscience, the Fikes case is but another handful of salt to rub to our wounds."

"It is a damning confession and a disturbing commentary on our times, but I must admit that in certain respects in the administration of justice the State of Alabama stands powerless," Hare said.

Hare continued in part: "The supreme court represents Fikes as "an uneducated Negro, of low mentality" susceptible of

SALT TO RUB INTO OUR WOUNDS'

Supreme Court Abandons Law

Sun. 3-10-57 Montgomery, Ala.

In Fikes Case, Says Judge

P. 1

SELMA, Ala., March 9 (AP)—The United States Supreme Court again abandoned the rules of law in reversing the death sentence of an Alabama Negro, in suit Judge James A. Hare charged.

pressure against his power of resistance and that "what would be overpowering to the weak will or again abounding the rules of mind might be utterly ineffective against an experienced criminal." In the record of trial he was shown to have been 27 years of age at the time of the commission of the offense to have served two years in the Army and 14 months of that time overseas, to be married and supporting a family of three children. He had been convicted in three burglary cases, had spent two years in the penitentiary of Alabama and was on probation at the time of the commission of this offense. And further, he was then charged with the commission of nighttime burglary of the six capital offenses. The court prudently refrained from defining "experienced criminal" in the

opinion is the voice of the Supreme Court of the United States, but the hand of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People," we said in a blistering statement.

Hare was prosecutor at the trials which resulted in William Earl Fikes being convicted of raping an Air Force sergeant's wife and nighttime burglary of the six capital offenses. The court prudently refrained from defining "experienced criminal" in the

opinion. Mr. Justice Felix Frankfurter

declares that the questioning of Fikes as to the particulars of his crimes "offends the civilized standards of the Anglo-American world." His opinion is reminiscent of the reconstruction pronouncements of Thaddeus Stevens or the New Orleans edicts of Ben Butler, whose spiritual company he now joins.

**Blonds get
a re American
10 years in
Ala. attack**

Baltimore, Md.

MOBILE, Ala. (AP)—In a state where colored youths have drawn the death penalty for the same offense, two 18-year-old white youths last week were given ten year jail terms in the rape of a housewife after posing as police officers to get the woman into their car.

Jessie D. Smith and H. L. Tucker of Prichard, Ala., drew the sentences imposed by Circuit Judge David H. Edington. However the young whites have applied for probation and the jurist said he will rule on the application on April 29.

The housewife said the whites posed as police officers to get her into their car last Dec. 12. She said they drove to a rural road where they raped her.

**Judge Sentences
Pair On Rape**

Tues. 4-1-57

OF Negro Woman

Montgomery, Ala.

MOBILE, Ala., April 29 (AP)—A circuit judge today formally sentenced two 18-year-old white youths to 10 years in prison for raping a Negro woman the night of Dec. 12.

Judge David H. Edington denied a plea for probation by Jesse D. Smith and H. L. Tucker, both of suburban Prichard. They had pleaded guilty March 29 and their term was fixed by a circuit court jury.

The court had postponed sentencing on their request for a probationary examination.

9153

2 Youths Get 10 Years In Assault Case

B'ham, Ala.

**Circuit Judge Denies
Probation Pleas By
Prichard Men**

MOBILE, April 29 (AP)—A circuit judge today formally sentenced two 18-year-old white youths to 10 years in prison for criminally assaulting a Negro woman the night of Dec. 12.

Judge David H. Edington denied a plea for probation by Jessie D. Smith and H. L. Tucker, both of suburban Prichard. They had pleaded guilty March 29 and their term was fixed by a Circuit Court jury.

The court had postponed sentencing on their request for a probationary examination.

"The jury imposed the minimum sentence," Edington said at today's hearing. "I'm going to let it stand."

Smith's mother collapsed when her son and Tucker were handcuffed together and led from the courtroom.

The 28-year-old Negro woman told officers the youths, posing as police officers, stopped her on a Prichard street near her home and ordered her into their car. She said they drove her to a rural area where both attacked her.

"The jury imposed the minimum sentence," Edington said at today's hearing. "I'm going to let it stand."

Smith's mother collapsed when her son and Tucker were handcuffed together and led from the courtroom.

The 28-year-old Negro woman told officers the youths, posing as police officers, stopped her on a Prichard street near her home and ordered her into their car. She said they drove her to a rural area where both raped her.

State Seeking to Extradite Accused Negro

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 16 (UPI)—An Alabama prosecutor said today he would begin new proceedings to bring a Negro back to Alabama from Michigan for trial on a rape charge.

Michigan Gov. G. Mennen Williams refused to order the return of Jerry Pruitt Jones, 20, charged with the rape of a 15-year-old white girl.

Deputy Solicitor Willard McCall of Birmingham said Williams was "completely misinformed" concerning race relations in Jefferson (Birmingham) County as well as to evidence along with the requisition.

McCall said Williams was provided with an affidavit from the girl who positively identified Jones as the man who beat her before she was raped. He said that Jones has been indicted by a grand jury.

Williams replied to the requisition by referring to "racial tensions" in Birmingham and said the warrant signed by Birmingham Detective R. A. McMurdo "cannot be used" since "it does not appear by what means" McMurdo knew of the case.

McCall declared that "race relations in Jefferson County are very good," and he added that "there has been no mob violence here in 50 or 60 years."

NEGRO HELD IN ASSAULT

Questioned in Attack On

White Girl In Alabama

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., May 27.

(UPI)—A 26-year-old Negro was held here Monday in connection

with the assault of a 16-year-old girl. Police said Henry Humphrey was being held for "investigation" but solicitor Glenn Manning said he would be formally charged Tuesday. Mr. Manning said Billy Joe Collier, 16, Negro, also was arrested for investigation.

The 16-year-old girl and her friend were riding with two white youths Saturday night when their car became stuck in the mud about 12 miles from here.

According to police, the girls argued with the white boys and got out of the car to walk back here. Two Negroes drove by and offered to help the white youths get their vehicle out of the mud but were unsuccessful. The Negroes drove on and tried to pick up the girls.

When the girls refused them, police said, one of the Negroes grabbed one of the girls and drove off with her while his companion fled on foot.

The second girl returned to the white youths, who managed to get the license number of the Negro car, police said.

Record hidden
HE CONTINUED in part:
"The court represents Fikes as

Salt in South's wounds

Hare flays top court for Fikes reversal

SELMA, Ala., March 9. (AP)—The U. S. Supreme Court "again abandoned the rules of law" in reversing the death sentence of an Alabama Negro, Circuit Judge James A. Hare charged Saturday.

"The opinion is the voice of the Supreme Court of the United States, but the hand is the hand of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People," Hare said in a blistering statement.

Hare was prosecutor at the trials which resulted in William Earl Fikes being convicted of raping an Air Force sergeant's wife and of nighttime burglary of the home of Mrs. Jean Heinz Rockwell, daughter of Selma Mayor Chris Heinz.

Fikes was sentenced to 99 years in prison on the rape conviction and given a death sentence on the nighttime burglary counts. Attorneys, retained but the NAACP, won a U. S. Supreme Court reversal of the death sentence on the grounds that an alleged confession was obtained illegally from Fikes.

Speaks the truth neither as to the facts nor as to the law. The opinion offends and is repugnant to judicial sensibilities and the good name of the people of Alabama. In the sacrifice of the South on the altars of the Supreme Court's psychological and sociological omniscience the Fikes case is but another handful of salt to rub into our wounds."

"It is a damning confession and a disturbing commentary on our times, but I must admit that in certain respects in the administration of justice the state of Alabama stands powerless," Hare said.

Hare said the Supreme Court "has artfully contrived the opinion to give the impression that the first confession obtained from Fikes was on Thursday after his arrest on Sunday morning, and the undeniable fact, as shown in the record of the trial, is that he had confessed to Capt. Wilson Baker on Sunday evening and that he was transferred to Kilby by order of Circuit Judge W. E. Callen on Monday for safe-keeping."

Record hidden
HE CONTINUED in part:
"The court represents Fikes as

Salt in South's wounds

Hare flays top court for Fikes reversal

SELMA, Ala., March 9. (AP)—The U. S. Supreme Court "again abandoned the rules of law" in reversing the death sentence of an Alabama Negro, Circuit Judge James A. Hare charged Saturday.

"The opinion is the voice of the Supreme Court of the United States, but the hand is the hand of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People," Hare said in a blistering statement.

Hare was prosecutor at the trials which resulted in William Earl Fikes being convicted of raping an Air Force sergeant's wife and of nighttime burglary of the home of Mrs. Jean Heinz Rockwell, daughter of Selma Mayor Chris Heinz.

Fikes was sentenced to 99 years in prison on the rape conviction and given a death sentence on the nighttime burglary counts. Attorneys, retained but the NAACP, won a U. S. Supreme Court reversal of the death sentence on the grounds that an alleged confession was obtained illegally from Fikes.

Speaks the truth neither as to the facts nor as to the law. The opinion offends and is repugnant to judicial sensibilities and the good name of the people of Alabama. In the sacrifice of the South on the altars of the Supreme Court's psychological and sociological omniscience the Fikes case is but another handful of salt to rub into our wounds."

"It is a damning confession and a disturbing commentary on our times, but I must admit that in certain respects in the administration of justice the state of Alabama stands powerless," Hare said.

Hare said the Supreme Court "has artfully contrived the opinion to give the impression that the first confession obtained from Fikes was on Thursday after his arrest on Sunday morning, and the undeniable fact, as shown in the record of the trial, is that he had confessed to Capt. Wilson Baker on Sunday evening and that he was transferred to Kilby by order of Circuit Judge W. E. Callen on Monday for safe-keeping."

Record hidden
HE CONTINUED in part:
"The court represents Fikes as

Salt in South's wounds

Hare flays top court for Fikes reversal

LOCAL CASE INVOLVED

2 Doomed Negroes Win Supreme Court Victories

Two Alabama Negroes sentenced to die in Kilby Prison's electric chair—one for raping a white woman, the second for burglary and attempted rape—scored legal victories yesterday in decisions announced by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The high court, throwing out two asserted confessions, set aside the conviction of William Earl Fikes, 27, Dallas County Negro. Fikes, convicted for burglary and attempted rape of the daughter of Selma's mayor, can be retried but the questioned confessions cannot be used in evidence.

The court, at the same time, also announced it had granted a hearing to Jeremiah Reeves Jr., Montgomery Negro sentenced to death in May, 1955, on a rape conviction.

Fikes was accused of breaking into the home of Mrs. Jean Heinz Rockwell the night of April 24, 1953. After a violent struggle the woman seized a knife and routed the intruder. Nighttime burglary of an occupied house is a capital offense in Alabama.

Fikes contended his death sentence was based on confessions "exacted" during 10 days when he was held at Kilby Prison without aid of lawyers, friends or family.

The state argued that there was no physical abuse of Fikes, he was advised of his rights and he was permitted to see persons he asked for. These included his employer and a sheriff. His father also visited him while he was at Kilby, the state conceded.

Chief Justice Warren, who delivered the 6-3 decision setting aside Fikes' conviction, commented that the "circumstances of pressure applied against the power of resistance (of Fikes), who cannot be deemed other than weak of will or mind, deprived him of due process of law."

In dissent, Justice Harlan said that in his opinion the court was overstepping its functions.

HIGH COURT UPSETS ALABAMA CONVICTION

Commercial Appeal
State May Retry Negro But

Without Confessions

Jues. 1-15-57
GAS PRODUCERS LOSE

Memphis Press-Sc
Special to The Commercial Appeal

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—With sharp words from both sides, the Supreme Court Monday set aside, 6-3, the conviction of a Negro sentenced to death for burglary and intent to criminally assault the daughter of the mayor of Selma, Ala., in 1953.

Chief Justice Earl Warren delivered the court's opinion which held that the circumstances under which confessions were taken from the Negro went "beyond the allowable limits."

Chief Justice Warren said the Negro, 27-year-old William Earl Fikes "cannot be deemed other than weak of will or mind" and "the circumstances of pressure applied against the power of (his) resistance . . . deprived him of due process of law."

Beyond Bounds

For the dissenters, Justice Harlan said the decision "over-

steps the boundary between this arraigned on charges of crime court's function under the 14th Amendment and that of the state courts in the administration of state criminal justice."

Monday's decision means Alabama can retry Fikes, but without using the disputed confessions as evidence.

In other actions the high court:

Granted a second hearing to another Alabama Negro, this one under death sentence for wilfully and without threats or the criminal assault of a white woman. The Negro, Jeremiah Reeves Jr. was convicted in Montgomery County, Ala., in May, 1955.

Agreed to review a decision the Government was liable for compensation because of closing of gold mines during World War II.

Deny Gas Protest Review

Denied 12 natural gas producers a review of protests they made against Federal Power Commission plans to regulate them. The protesting companies contended they were not the kind of producers who were subject to FPC authority under a 1954 Supreme Court decision.

Ruled 6-3 that veterans need not repay the United States the premiums it pays on their commercial life insurance after they ask that their policies be protected against lapse while serving in the armed forces.

Threw out on a technicality the efforts of a Filipino to collect \$119,765 for supplies furnished guerrillas during the Japanese occupation of his homeland. The court said Jose Soriano had failed to file his final claim within the six-year time limit set by Congress for that type of suit.

3 boys held for attack on girl, 17

EAST ORANGE
Three boys, all 18 years old, were held without bail for grand jury action last week by Magistrate Luke M. McKenney when

ALABAMA

teenth Amendments to the Constitution say that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process.

Chief Justice Earl Warren wrote the major opinion. He was joined by Justices Hugo L. Black, William O. Douglas and Tom C. Clark. Justices Felix Frankfurter and William J. Brennan concurred in a separate opinion.

Justice John M. Harlan wrote a dissenting opinion, in which Justices Stanley F. Reed and Harold H. Burton joined.

Jack Greenberg of New York and Peter A. Hall of Birmingham raised three questions in their appeal on behalf of Fikes.

The first concerned the admission of the two confessions. Another dealt with the refusal of the trial judge to permit Fikes to testify about how the confessions were obtained and the third charged racial discrimination in the selection of the jury.

State High Court Reversed

Chief Justice Warren said that, since the judgment of the Supreme Court of Alabama upholding the conviction must be reversed because of the admission of the confessions, it was unnecessary to decide the other two issues.

As the Chief Justice stated the facts in his opinion the daughter of the Mayor of Selma, Ala., was awakened in her apartment on the night of April 24, 1953, by an intruder. She found a Negro sitting on her with a knife at her throat. She struggled, seized the knife, and her assailant fled.

At the trial she did not identify Fikes as her assailant.

Fikes was arrested "on an open charge of investigation" on May 26, when police found him in an alley in a white neighborhood in Selma, Chief Justice Warren related. Fikes, he continued, was 27 years old at the time, had left school at 16 while in the third grade and was "a schizophrenic and highly suggestible." His mother testified that he had always been "thick-headed," it was added.

Describing the circumstances under which the confessions were obtained, the Chief Justice said:

"Here the prisoner was, an uneducated Negro, certainly of low mentality, if not mentally ill . . . for a period of a week he was kept in isolation, except for sessions of questioning. He saw no friend or relative. Both his father and a lawyer were barred from attempts to see him."

"The protections to be afforded to a prisoner upon preliminary hearing were denied him."

contrary to the law of Alabama. He was questioned for several hours at a time over the course of five days preceding the first confession, and again interrogated at length before the written confession was secured.

The totality of the circumstances that preceded the confessions in this case goes beyond the allowable limits. The use of the confessions secured in this setting was a denial of due process."

Justice Harlan, however, found nothing in the procedures that "violated due constitutional process."

"Concededly, there was no brutality or physical coercion," Judge Harlan stated. "And psychological coercion is by no means manifest."

Noting that the Supreme Court of Alabama had sustained the conviction, Justice Harlan declared that there was nothing in the record concerning the conduct of the state authorities that "does more than offend some fastidious squeamishness or private sentimentalism about combatting crime too energetically" and "due regard for the division between state and Federal functions requires that we let Alabama's judgment stand."

In another action today the Supreme Court granted a hearing to Jeremiah Reeves Jr., a Negro under death sentence for the rape of a white housewife in her home in Montgomery, Ala. Reeves charged that his trial was unfair because Negroes were systematically excluded from juries in Montgomery County and the public was kept out of the courtroom during the trial.

For full story
Court sets aside Fikes
Mos. 1-14-57
Conviction,

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14
(AP)—The Supreme Court today set aside, 6-3, the conviction of William Earl Fikes, a Negro sentenced to death in Alabama for burglary with intent to rape.

Fikes, 27, was accused of breaking into the home of Mrs. Jean Heinz Rockwell at Selma the night of April 24, 1953. Mrs. Rockwell, daughter of the mayor of Selma, awoke to find the burglar sitting on her holding a

9154

knife at her throat. A violent struggle ensued, in which Mrs. Rockwell finally seized the knife and routed the intruder.

CHIEF JUSTICE Warren delivered the decision. Justice Harlan wrote a sharp dissenting opinion in which Justices Reed and Burton joined.

Fikes protested his death sentence was based on two asserted confessions "exacted."

Ala. Court Journal + Reversed In Decision

Norfolk, Va.
"Confession" Was
Not Voluntary,
Chief Justice Says

Set. 1-26-57

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The death sentence of an Alabama Negro was set aside here Monday by the U. S. Supreme Court in a 6 to 3 decision which reversed a conviction upheld by the Alabama Supreme Court.

The judgment and sentence were reversed on the grounds that the confessions used to convict the doomed man were obtainable through methods which violated the due process clause of the Federal Constitution. As the confessions were substantially the only evidence which the State had against him, it seems unlikely that he can be successfully prosecuted for the same crime again.

THE CONDEMNED man, William Earl Fikes, 29, and a native of Marion, Ala., was convicted and sentenced to death in June 1953 by an all-white jury following a reported unsuccessful attempt by unknown intruder to rape the daughter of the Mayor of Selma, Ala., and burglarize her home.

Previously, several Negroes had been arrested in connection with a reported series of burglary and rape in the city. The mayor's daughter claimed she awoke in her apartment

on the night of April 24, and found a Negro sitting on her with a knife at her throat. She struggled with him, seized the knife and he fled.

FIKES WAS taken into custody May 16 when he was stopped in the street by white citizens and held until police arrived. He was arrested on "open charge" and held two days for "investigation" without being booked. Later, he was taken to Kilby State prison where he was subjected to eight days of incessant questioning until he allegedly confessed. He was not permitted to see relatives or consult legal counsel.

At the trial the mayor's daughter could not identify him as her assailant. The only evidence offered by the state were two alleged confessions. The court also refused a motion by the defense attorneys to let Fikes take the stand to refute the confessions.

IN AN APPEAL to the Alabama Supreme Court, Fikes' attorneys again raised the point of the alleged voluntary confessions. The State Supreme Court upheld the lower court's conviction and death sentence and on June 22, 1955, denied a petition for a rehearing. The case was taken to the U. S. Supreme Court on Nov. 22, 1955.

In the argument to the U. S. Supreme Court three basic questions were raised by the attorneys for Fikes: the admission of the confessions; the refusal of the trial court judge to let the convicted man testify as to how the confessions were obtained, and that Negroes were systematically excluded from the jury.

CHIEF JUSTICE Earl Warren, who wrote the majority opinion which reversed the Alabama Supreme Court judgment, described Fikes as "an uneducated Negro, certainly of low mentality, if not mentally ill," who left school at 16 while in the third grade and was "a schizophrenic and highly suggestible."

He was kept in "isolation," except for sessions of questioning, saw no friends or rela-

tives and both his father and a lawyer were barred from attempts to see him, the Chief Justice said.

"THE PROTECTION to be afforded to a prisoner upon preliminary hearing were denied him, contrary to the law of Alabama. He was questioned for several hours at a time over the course of five days preceding the first confession, and again interrogated at length before the written confession was secured.

"The totality of the circumstances that preceded the confessions in this case goes beyond the allowable limits. The use of the confessions secured in this setting was a denial of due process."

CHIEF JUSTICE Warren concluded, "We hold that the circumstances of pressure applied against the power of resistance of this petitioner who cannot be deemed other than weak of will or mind, deprived him of due process of law. So viewed, the judgment of conviction in this case cannot stand."

Chief Justice Warren was joined in the opinion by Justices Hugo L. Black, William O. Douglas and Tom C. Clark. Justices Felix Frankfurter and William J. Brennan concurred in a separate opinion. Dissenting were Justices John M. Harlan, Stanley F. Reed and Harold H. Burton.

NAACP Legal Defense attorneys for Fikes were Jack Greenberg of New York who handled the case in conjunction with Peter A. Hall and Orzell Billingsley Jr., of Birmingham, Ala.

THE SUPREME COURT Circumstances of Pressure

William Earl Fikes is a 30-year-old Alabama Negro under sentence of death for burglary with intent to rape the daughter of Selma, Ala.'s mayor in 1953. When Alabama's highest court upheld the decision, his lawyers brought the case to the U. S. Supreme Court. The ground that Fikes had been denied due process before and during his trial. After his arrest, they argued, Fikes had first been lodged in a local jail then whisked away to a state prison, where he was held incommunicado for more than a week—during which state officers obtained two confessions that later provided the basis for his conviction. Although the lawyers were unable to prove physical brutality, they declared that the prisoner's mental background—three psychiatrists had attested to the fact that Fikes was schizophrenic, or, as his mother had put it at the trial, "thick-headed"—made him highly susceptible to psychological coercion, which the state had undoubtedly used in getting him to confess in violation of his rights under the 14th Amendment.

Over the justice of this estimate the Supreme Court clashed headlong last week. Wrote Chief Justice Earl Warren for the 6-3 majority which set aside the Alabama decision: "The circumstances of pressure applied against the power of resistance of this petitioner, who cannot be deemed other than weak of will or mind, deprived him of due process of law."

From Justice John Marshall Harlan (joined by Stanley Reed and Harold Burton) came a vigorous dissent. The gist: not only was there no physical coercion but "psychological coercion is by no means manifest"; on the basis of the record, the state authorities did nothing more serious in their handling of the case than "offend some fastidious squeamishness or private sentimentalism about combating crime too energetically." In any case, wrote Harlan, since reasonable men could differ on whether Fikes' constitutional rights had been violated, "due regard for the division between state and federal functions in the administration of criminal justice requires that we let Alabama's judgment stand."

The net effect of the decision was to return the Fikes case to the Alabama courts for retrial—this time without use of the tainted confessions. More important was the overall effect: once again and this time by a split decision, the court had inflamed the suspicions of critics who hold that too many of its recent decisions are anchored more in sociology than in the solid substance of the law.

Ala. Negro Held 7-13 Is Sayed by High Court New York Rape-Case Death Sentence Upset

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—With sharp words from both sides, the Supreme Court today set aside, 6-3, the conviction of William Earl Fikes, a Negro sentenced to death for burglary and intent to rape the daughter of the Mayor of Selma, Ala.

Chief Justice Earl Warren delivered the court's opinion, which held that the circumstances under which confessions were taken from Fikes, twenty-seven, went "beyond the allowable limits."

The Chief Justice said Fikes "cannot be deemed other than weak of will or mind," and "the circumstances of pressure applied against the power of (his) resistance . . . deprived him of due process of law."

Dissent by Harlan

For the dissenters, Justice John M. Harlan said today's decision "oversteps the boundary between this court's function under the Fourteenth (due process of law) Amendment and that of the state courts in the administration of state criminal justice."

Justices Stanley F. Reed and Harold H. Burton joined in Justice Harlan's dissent.

Chief Justice Warren spoke for a majority composed of himself and Justices Hugo L. Black, Felix Frankfurter, William O. Douglas, Tom C. Clark and William J. Brennan Jr.

Fikes was accused of breaking into the home of Mrs. Jean Heinz Rockwell at Selma on April 24, 1953. Mrs. Rockwell awoke to find the burglar sitting on her, holding a knife at her throat. A violent struggle ensued, in which Mrs. Rockwell finally seized the knife and routed the intruder.

Coercion Denied

Fikes protested his death sentence was based on two asserted confessions "exacted" during ten days in which he was held in the Kilby State Penitentiary without aid of lawyers, friends or family. The state denied any coercion in obtaining the "confessions."

Justice Frankfurter wrote a concurring opinion, in which

Justice Brennan joined, saying a can world." But Justice Frankfurter added: "This record reveals a course of conduct that, however conscientiously pursued, clearly falls below those standards." Today's decision means Alabama can retry Fikes, but with fairer procedures. The Anglo-American standards of the civilized world require that the disputed confessions be deemed as evidence. In other actions today, the court:

Rape death ruling upheld

A 19-year-old Negro is slated to die in the electric chair Jan. 31 for raping a 15-year-old white mother near her rural home in Wilcox County. *News*

The Alabama Supreme Court upheld the death sentence against Roy Huff yesterday.

Huff's two white court-appointed lawyers, Josiah Robins Bonner and John L. Godbold of Camden, withdrew from the case in the appeal to the Supreme Court. *Defense*

The teen-age Negro was charged with chasing the young sawmill worker's wife from the porch of her home while she carried a 9-month-old baby in her arms. Huff was charged with forcing the woman to submit to his advances while he held a knife. *Def. 2237*

The court said "all essential elements necessary to show rape were presented and abundantly proved."

Negro boy, 16, rapidly convicted in molestation case

Circuit Judge Wallace Gibson tried a capital case yesterday in two hours, 35 minutes flat.

If it wasn't the shortest capital case ever tried here it was among the shortest.

The jury deliberated 22 minutes in convicting Robert Lee Rankin, 16-year-old Negro, of carnal knowledge. The jury fixed punishment at 12 years in prison. It could have fixed punishment anywhere from 10 years to death in the electric chair. *27020*

Rankin was charged with sexually molesting a Negro girl. *4*

Selection of the jury began at 2 p.m. The jury returned its verdict at 4:35 p.m.

Judge Gibson said there was no special hurry. The case just proceeded quickly.

27e(2) 1957

ARKANSAS

9164

TRIBUNAL UPHOLDS
DEATH FOR NEGRO

Memphis Lass,
Convicted In Criminal Attack

On Little Rock Mother
Lues 5-28-57

LITTLE ROCK, May 27 —

(AP) — The death sentence of Luther Bailey, 45-year-old Negro, for rape of a white woman here last June was affirmed by the Arkansas Supreme Court Monday.

Bailey's attorney probably will file a motion for rehearing with the court.

If the expected motion is denied — and they usually are — it will be up to Gov. Orval Faubus to set a date for Bailey's electrocution. The original date passed while the appeal was pending.

The prosecuting witness, a 49-year-old widowed mother of two daughters, testified Bailey broke into her home, assaulted her twice while holding a knife at her throat and took her purse containing \$190.

An identification card found on the floor of the woman's home led to Bailey's arrest. Police officers said her purse was found in his car.

Bailey, a resident of nearby Woodson, said the woman submitted voluntarily.

The unanimous opinion upholding the verdict of a Pulaski Circuit Court jury was written by Associate Justice J. S. Holt.

27e(2)

1957

Gilliam ordered that the prisoner serve his time at the Atlanta penitentiary.

Rapist Given 25-Year Term In Wilmington

WILMINGTON May 23—Found guilty of an all male jury of raping a 25-year-old Camp Lejeune housewife, William Vidal Martinez was sentenced to 25 years in a federal penitentiary. P. 12

Martinez, 32-year-old unemployed laborer from Puerto Rico, where he has a wife and seven children, was sentenced shortly after U.S. District Court resumed business this morning.

Judge Don Gilliam of Tarboro pronounced sentence.

The trial which ran into a third day this morning was unusual in that neither the defendant nor the prosecuting witness spoke English. All testimony was channelled through an interpreter.

The rape of the mother of one child and wife of a Camp Lejeune sergeant occurred Feb. 7, 1957, in the Mendoza home in Midway Park.

Mrs. Esther Velez Mendoza testified that Martinez threatened her with a knife on that night, telling her that he would kill her, her child and her husband if she didn't submit.

She said he also forced her to write a note, inviting him back to the home. The note was submitted as evidence, but the signature did not correspond with her signature on her statement, produced by C.I.D. investigators, nor to her signature which she wrote at the trial.

She said it differed because she was forced to sign it.

She also testified that Martinez did not appear to be drunk. He did not have the odor of alcohol on his breath.

The defense stressed the delay between the date of the incident and the date it was reported to investigators. There was a lapse of about a week. It claimed that there were no bruises about her body and she had not presented a struggle, or had called out.

In rebuttal, the prosecution maintained that she feared harm would come to her husband and child if she told.

Martinez received the verdict of the jury without a show of emotion. During the entire trial he sat with head bowed. He did not take the stand.

In sentencing Martinez, Judge

DELAWARE

9165

9166

Pre-Hearing Confession Thrown Out

Washington, D.C.

Tues. 6-25-57

High Court Upsets Conviction of Young D. C. Rape Suspect Sentenced to Death

By Richard L. Lyons
Staff Reporter

The Supreme Court drastically limited yesterday the authority of police to obtain confessions from arrested suspects before they are arraigned.

New guidelines were laid down as the Court unanimously threw out the rape conviction of Andrew R. Mallory, who was sentenced to death here two years ago when he was 19.

The Court ruled that to hold and question Mallory for 7½ hours before trying to have

Supreme Court orders three contempt of Congress cases sent back for Appeals Court review.

Page A15

High Court upholds legality of measures curbing obscenity

Page A12

Justices order rehearing of Green murder conviction.

Page A13

him arraigned violated the law of Federal courts that a suspect's right must be explained at arraignment "without unnecessary delay." Mallory's statement, obtained before arraignment, was held inadmissible.

Mallory was convicted of raping a 38-year-old woman in the basement of an apartment building at 1223 12th St., nw on April 7, 1954.

No Specific Interval

The Supreme Court laid down no specific period in

which a suspect can be held before arraignment. This is one question that has bothered police.

But the Court said clearly that police cannot question a suspect for the purpose of obtaining a confession from him before arraignment.

The opinion, written by Justice Felix Frankfurter, said the arrested person should be arraigned "as quickly as possible." He could legally be booked first by police, and some further delay might be justified in some cases, such as checking a volunteered statement by the accused with a third party, said Frankfurter.

"But he is not to be taken to police headquarters in order to carry out a process of inquiry that lends itself, even if not so designed, to eliciting damaging statements to support the arrest and ultimately his guilt," Frankfurter wrote. "The delay must not be of a nature to give opportunity for the extraction of a confession."

For more than 10 years the controlling decision on this question has been the McNabb case, which held that it was illegal for police to hold a person after an arraigning official was available. The Court of Appeals here has split on the question whether the McNabb case outlawed any confession taken during such illegal detention or only those that "resulted from" the illegal detention.

In yesterday's opinion the Court seemed to say that no confession obtained before arraignment would be admissible as evidence in Federal courts.

But it did not say that in so many words. And the Mallory case was complicated by the fact that he was a 19-year-old boy of limited intelligence who was not told by police of his rights to counsel and to a preliminary hearing, or that his statement could be used against him.

Mallory was convicted of raping a 38-year-old woman in the basement of an apartment building at 1223 12th St., nw on April 7, 1954.

Mallory went to the office of his attorney, William B. Bryant, a former assistant United States Attorney. He told a reporter he was too dazed to talk about his plans but added:

Post & Times Herald
U.S. Frees

Post & Times Herald
D.C. Man

Post & Times Herald
Due to Die

Post & Times Herald
As Rapist

Post & Times Herald
Washington, D.C.

No Evidence Left

When High Court Barred Confession;

Police Concerned

Andrew R. Mallory walked out of a death cell in District Jail a free man yesterday—more than three years after he was arrested for rape.

His conviction was overturned Monday by the Supreme Court in an opinion that has concerned police officials and many Government prosecutors. The Court held that a signed confession by Mallory was not valid because the youth was held by police too long before being arraigned, and he was not advised of his rights.

United States Attorney Oliver Gasch told Chief Judge Bolitha J. Laws yesterday that without the confession he did not think the Government had enough evidence to get a conviction in a new trial.

Victim's Ordeal Cited

He said the victim of the attack suffered "physical and psychological injury" and added:

"To subject this innocent victim to the ordeal of testifying again about these distressing circumstances would be unfair to her and her husband unless there is a reasonable prospect of obtaining a conviction . . ."

Laws granted the motion for dismissal and Mallory was freed about two hours later.

Mallory went to the office of his attorney, William B. Bryant, a former assistant United States Attorney. He told a reporter he was too dazed to talk about his plans but added:

"I don't want to be around

here much longer. I got an idea if anything happens on the streets, they'll be picking me up."

Police Procedure in Doubt

The case has thrown police and many Government law enforcement officials into a quandary. Many fear that the unanimous Supreme Court ruling tells the police they can't question a suspect after they arrest him.

Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney is known to believe that the decision will have its greatest impact on gangster crimes where hardened professionals will take advantage of it.

Police Chief Robert V. Murray stuck to his contention that the decision "handcuffs" policemen and "renders them almost totally ineffective."

"If we had the Mallory case to do over again tomorrow we couldn't do a better job," Murray said.

Murray said that Mallory was advised of his rights before he dictated and signed his written statement on April 8, 1954. He said Mallory was told:

"You are now requested to give a statement of any facts known to you in connection with this matter. However, you are first advised that you are not compelled to make a statement, are not promised any consideration for making one, and do so of your own free will. If necessary, the statement you make will be used for or against you at your trial. Having been so advised do you wish to make a statement?"

Mallory answered, "I want to," Murray said.

Breach of Rules Claimed

Justice Felix Frankfurter said in the Court opinion that Mallory "was not told of his rights to counsel or to a preliminary examination before a magistrate, nor was he warned that he might keep silent and that any statement made by him may be used against him."

This backed up the contention of Mallory's lawyers that he was held in "deliberate disregard" of Rule 5 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

This rule requires that an arrested person must be brought before a committing magistrate "without unnece-



By Frank Hoy, Staff Photographer

ANDREW J. MALLORY
... freed by high court

sary delay." Mallory was questioned for 7½ hours before police tried to have him arraigned.

Frankfurter's opinion noted that the procedure outlined in Rule 5 was "devised by Congress to safeguard individual rights without hampering effective and intelligent law enforcement."

United States Attorney Gasch said he interpreted this to mean that Congress can change the wording in Rule 5 to allow police more leeway in questioning suspects.

Congressmen's Views

He and Murray are agreed that Congress should spell out what police can and cannot do in the arraignment of suspects.

Chairman Howard W. Smith (D-Va.) of the House Rules Committee said "there is considerable confusion about the Court's ruling not being specific. I don't know how to make it specific." He added he would have further conferences with Gasch and "maybe some arrangement can be worked out so we can comply with the Court decisions and still do our job."

In a related case, District Court Judge Henry A. Schweinhaut denied a motion to suppress an oral confession made

said he thought the Mallory ruling was an "inevitable decision." He said it recognized that "police abuses," though not general, do exist. The Court's decision should go a long way toward preventing them, he added.

Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney, chairman of a special Judiciary Subcommittee on Improving the Federal Code, had no comment.

He said his staff has had the question of arrest-and-arrangement procedures under study

for several months. Hearings are planned later this summer. Committee Counsel C. Aubrey Gasque said the research so far has included the problem of the length of time an arrested person might be held before arraignment.

Frankfurter's opinion left open the question of whether police can question a suspect after he is arrested but not arraigned.

He noted that "circumstances may justify a brief delay between arrest and arraignment, as for instance, where the story volunteered by the accused is susceptible of quick verification through third parties."

The next sentence adds: "But the delay must not be of a nature to give opportunity for the extraction of a confession."

This is the sentence that has police stumped. They readily concede that at least 50 percent of their felony convictions are the result of confessions.

They also point out that many of the cases do not involve on-the-spot arrests, especially in rape and sex cases where there are rarely witnesses.

Murray also argues that questioning of suspects more often protects the innocent. The Chief said his Department would continue to operate the way it has in the past. He said he would have further conferences with Gasch and "maybe some arrangement can be worked out so we can comply with the Court decisions and still do our job."

In a related case, District Court Judge Henry A. Schweinhaut denied a motion to suppress an oral confession made

In connection with an indecent liberties case.

John J. Dwyer, defense attorney for John H. Green, 33, formerly of 2332 N. st. nw., based his motion on the Mallory case.

Green was arrested at 3 p. m. Jan. 30 at George Washington Hospital on charges of assault with intent to commit carnal knowledge of a 3-year-old girl and taking indecent liberties.

Police tried to question him at the hospital, but said he was too drunk. They took him to Police Headquarters and tried again at 4 p. m. and 6:30 p. m., but again he was too drunk, the Court was told, so he was locked up overnight.

At about 9:30 a. m. the next day police talked to him again and he made an oral confession, police said. He was arraigned about an hour later in Municipal Court.

Schweinhaut ruled that Green's detention was reasonable and did not induce a confession.

The jury convicted him of indecent liberties after Assistant United States Attorney Joseph M. Hannon withdrew the assault charge. The conviction carries a maximum sentence of 10 years.

High Court Daily Will Upsets D. C. I. W. 6-27-57 Death Sentence

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (NNPA) — The Supreme Court Monday set aside the conviction and death sentence of Andrew R. Mallory, 22-year old youth of limited intelligence.

Mallory was found guilty in the District Court here of raping Mrs. Stella O'Keane in the furnace room of the basement of the apartment building where she lived and where his half-brother was the janitor.

He appealed from the judgement of the United States Court of Appeals upholding his conviction.

In a unanimous opinion delivered by Justice Felix Frankfurter, the court said: "It is not a function of police to arrest, as is here, at large and to use an interrogating process at police headquarters in order to determine whom they should charge before a committing magistrate of 'probable cause.'

Mrs. O'Keane was raped after

she had gone to the basement of the apartment building to wash some clothes. She found a hose so tightly attached to the faucet of the sink that she could not uncouple it.

She knocked on the door of the janitor's apartment where Mallory, who was then only 19, was living with his half-brother, the janitor, and his family, including his wife, two grown sons, and a younger son.

Mallory, who was alone in the apartment, responded to Mrs. O'Keane's knock. He detached the hose for her and went back to the apartment.

A few minutes later, while in the drying room of the basement, Mrs. O'Keane looked around to see a man with a handkerchief over his face, fitting the general description of Mallory.

When Mrs. O'Keane screamed, she was choked, thrown to the floor, dragged to the furnace room and attacked.

Mallory was arrested the next afternoon. Police questioned him at Headquarters for about half an hour. When questioning failed to get a confession, they asked him to submit to a lie-detector test. He was not told of his rights to counsel or to be taken before a magistrate, nor was he warned that he might keep silent and that any statement he made might be used against him.

After four hours of further detention at police headquarters, he was given the lie-detector test which lasted for another hour. Not until he confessed did the police arraign him.

The court said it could not "sanction this sustained delay" resulting in a confession.

Attorneys William B. Bryant, Joseph C. Waddy and William V. Gardner represented Mallory.

27e(2) 1957

D.C.

9167

Plea Halted *Post + Times* For Soldier *Armed P. 34* Held Insane *Det. 4-27-57*

The United States Court of Military Appeals refused yesterday to allow appellate proceedings to continue in the case of a 27-year-old soldier adjudged insane after he was convicted of rape.

The Court had ruled 18 months ago that the proceedings could continue in the case of Wallace Bell of Summit County, Miss. In its reversal yesterday, the Court said its earlier decision was an "incorrect rule of law."

Bell was convicted of raping the wife of another soldier at Camp Roberts, Calif., in 1954. He was found sane at the time of the incident and the trial, but was adjudged insane while his appeal was pending.

The Army protested that yesterday's ruling may make its care of insane persons more difficult. Judge George W. Latimer, however, said an accused's "last hope" should not be ended while he is insane, even though the Government may be "saddled with some additional burden."

The Court ruled that appellate procedure must be suspended when an accused man is found insane, because he would be stripped of ability to assist in his own appeal.

Its order means that Bell may resume his appeal if he is ever declared sane. Bell is at present in a military mental hospital.

9/68

Assault Case Trial Is Set For Bedwell Jacksonville, Fla.

The Times-Union Bureau

DE LAND., Aug. 2—Edward L. Bedwell, 21, of Chicago, pleaded of two teen-aged girls he repudiated his confession and was arraigned on charges of raping a 13-year-old Oak Hill girl March 9, 1956, near DeLand. Trial was set for 9 a.m. Aug. 20.

Bedwell recently was extradited from Chicago to answer the charges.

Arraignment of Walter R. Hoffman, Daytona Beach dog warden, for second degree murder in the death of his wife, Janet, was continued until Aug. 21.

Circuit Judge Robert H. Wingfield agreed to the delay in order all the advances.

He said she "offered herself" to him during a date that was approved by her parents.

Hoffman, 44, is accused of injecting a dose of poison into his 31-year-old wife about an hour before she died last July 7.

At the request of the state attorney and prison authorities, Judge Wingfield agreed to nolle prosser an assault and robbery charge against William D. Davis, 33, of Miami.

Pleading guilty at arraignment and sentenced to prison terms at Raiford were:

Norman K. Hall, 42, Daytona Beach, grand larceny, one year; Douglas Justice, 27, Jacksonville, auto theft, four years; Willie J. Alexander, 32, DeLand, auto theft, one year; Harold E. McChristian, 21, Cela, Ark., auto theft, one year, and Martin Lee Passley, 26, Mascotte, escape, one year.

Sentence was deferred on Eller Harris, 24, of DeLand, who pleaded guilty to theft of \$200, pending attempts to make restitution.

Benny Freed

Daily News
In Rape Trial

DE LAND, Fla. (UP)—Edward (Benny the Dishwasher) Bedwell headed home to a "new life" in Chicago today, free of a charge that he raped a 12-year-old girl. A six-man circuit court jury de-

liberated only 25 minutes Wednesday night before returning its verdict of innocent.

The illiterate Skid Row drifter whooped with joy at the verdict, which freed him from prison for the first time in more than six months.

Bedwell was first arrested in Chicago early this year after he confessed to the brutal murder of two teen-aged girls. He repudiated his confession and was freed but immediately re-arrested Everett and execution in the electric chair. Unless commutation is granted by the pardon board, Gov. Leroy Collins will fix the date for carrying out the death sentence.

"I'm the happiest woman in the country," his mother, a witness at the trial, said. "I knew he wasn't guilty."

Bedwell took the stand Wednesday and admitted he had relations with the mature-looking young girl but insisted she "made all the advances."

He said she "offered herself" to him during a date that was approved by her parents.

Bennie Bedwell

Found Innocent

In Rape Case

Montgomery

DE LAND, Fla., Aug. 21—

Edward (Bennie) Bedwell, illiterate carnival roustabout and Chicago skid row dishwasher, today was found innocent of raping a 13-year-old girl.

A Circuit Court jury returned the verdict after 25 minutes deliberation.

The 21-year-old Bedwell broke into the news last year when he confessed a part in the slaying of Barbara and Patricia Grimes at Chicago.

He later recanted and was cleared in that case but a girl from nearby Oak Hill, Fla., identified him from news pictures as a man she said raped her while he was here as a roustabout with a carnival last year.

Before the case went to the jury two Negro women and a constable testified that the girl apparently enjoyed living with Bedwell in a shack during the carnival.

Florida Court Upholds Everett Sentence

Advertised P.D.A.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Aug. 14

—The death sentence of George Lovell Everett, 21-year-old Columbus, Ga., youth for the rape slaying of a former Oklahoma high school beauty queen was upheld by Florida Supreme Court today.

The court's ruling leaves the state pardon board with the task of carrying out the death sentence.

The Florida Supreme Court last Feb. 6 affirmed the conviction and the U.S. Supreme Court on June 17 declined to hear the case.

The State Pardon Board on Sept. 11 refused to commute the death sentence for Thomas, father of two children.

The other attorney filing the habeas corpus petition was Bedford McGriff.

Six Weeks of Freedom Ends

Groveland Case Fugitive

Captured in Fort Pierce

pleaded guilty and drew a life sentence.

Shepard and Irvin pleaded innocent, were found guilty in a trial at Tavares, Lake County seat. Enroute to the second trial Shepard was killed in an alleged escape attempt. Irvin was found guilty in a second trial and sentenced to death. His sentence was commuted to life last year by Gov. LeRoy Collins.

A young Negro who figured in the Groveland rape case—one of the most celebrated in the history of the South—was arrested Saturday in Fort Pierce six weeks after his escape from Belle Glade prison camp.

Charles Greenlee, 24, had been living the life of a model citizen in Fort Pierce since his escape, said Constable S. E. Richardson, who made the arrest.

He said Greenlee had a job at a packing plant and had bought himself a car. Richardson said he had a confidential tip which led to the prisoner's apprehension.

Greenlee was accused along with three other Negroes of raping a 17-year-old white woman on the morning of July 16, 1949.

The girl and two of the accused men, Samuel Shepherd and Walter Lee Irvin, all lived in the Lake County community of Groveland. Greenlee and Ernest Thomas had come to Groveland from Gainesville only the day before the incident.

Thomas was killed by a posse in North Florida a day after being identified as one of the assailants. Greenlee

Negro Asks Court to Bar Chair Death

Jerne, Union P.D.A.

A condemned Negro rapist yesterday asked federal court to save him from the electric chair on the ground his constitutional rights are being violated.

Jimmie Lee Thomas of Jacksonville, sentenced to die for the rape of a white woman in a local cemetery, said in a petition for a writ of habeas corpus that the verdict denied him his constitutional right to equal protection of the laws.

Through his attorney, Thomas cited figures to uphold his claim of discrimination, showing that only one white man has ever been executed for rape in Florida while more than 24 Negroes have died for the crime while the past 21 years.

Thomas asked federal court to halt plans for his execution and require state officials to show cause why he should be deprived of his life. No hearing had been set on Thomas' petition, which

9169

Ga. Escapee Sentenced

Constitution *Wed. 9-11-57*

To Chair for Assault

Atlanta Ga. *P. 13*

NASHVILLE, Ga., Sept. 1 (AP)—John Henry White, Negro, who escaped from the Berrien County prison camp in August and was charged with raping a young white mother soon afterwards, has been sentenced to be electrocuted.

The sentence was given him by Judge Folks Huxford of Homerville after a Superior Court jury found White guilty of rape yesterday with 25 minutes of deliberations. Oct. 4 was set for the execution in the state prison at Reidsville.

Sheriff Walter J. Gaskins said there was no semblance of disorder or threat of violence during the one-day trial.

When he escaped early Aug. 20, the Negro was serving a forgery sentence from Bibb County.

The rape victim told officers White threatened her life and that of her small child with her at the farm home. Along with raping her, she related, he took a shirt, trousers and other garments belonging to her husband, who was absent at the time.

The Negro fled the work camp in a county truck which was found abandoned in the edge of a swampy area.

Youths Admit Taking Part In Abduction, Assault Case

Atlanta youths Friday admitted taking part in Tuesday's abduction and rape of a 42 year old woman who was reportedly assaulted five times by five persons in an abandoned dump near Willoughby Way, N. E.

One of the young men admitted initially assaulting the woman; he described her being slightly assaulted. The other said he was driving the automobile in the abduction and later sat down on the ground and when asked refused to "Shut up." *Atlanta Journal*, Dennis Edward, age 20, of 356 Union Place, N. E. said he had

"on the corner," and invited them along when he followed her.

The boys said they followed the woman and her companion several blocks before the couple parked at the Edgewood address. Lee said Jackson told him to drive after they picked up the woman.

rage operator in Menardville, guilty of the rape charge. The jury recommended misdemeanor sentence despite pleas from State Atty. Gen. Andrew Whalen for a felony conviction.

Dunn pleaded not guilty before a packed court room at the beginning of his trial Tuesday morning.

White Man Given

12 Months For

Assault On Girl

Record P.

MEDFORD, Ga.—A 45 year-old man was sentenced to 12 months in prison Tuesday for raping a 13-year-old Negro girl.

Judge John H. McGahee sentenced Hoyt Dunn, father of nine children to work off his time in a public works camp. He will also be fined \$1,000 or receive an additional six month prison sentence.

Jury deliberated more than two hours before finding Dunn, a garage operator in Menardville, guilty of the rape charge. The jury recommended misdemeanor sentence despite pleas from State Atty. Gen. Andrew Whalen for a felony conviction.

Dunn pleaded not guilty before a packed court room at the beginning of his trial Tuesday morning.

A jury deliberated more than two hours before finding Dunn, a garage operator in Menardville, guilty of the rape charge. The jury recommended misdemeanor sentence despite pleas from State Atty. Gen. Andrew Whalen for a felony conviction.

Dunn pleaded not guilty before a packed court room at the beginning of his trial Tuesday morning.

A jury deliberated more than two hours before finding Dunn, a garage operator in Menardville, guilty of the rape charge. The jury recommended misdemeanor sentence despite pleas from State Atty. Gen. Andrew Whalen for a felony conviction.

Dunn pleaded not guilty before a packed court room at the beginning of his trial Tuesday morning.

A jury deliberated more than two hours before finding Dunn, a garage operator in Menardville, guilty of the rape charge. The jury recommended misdemeanor sentence despite pleas from State Atty. Gen. Andrew Whalen for a felony conviction.

Dunn pleaded not guilty before a packed court room at the beginning of his trial Tuesday morning.

A jury deliberated more than two hours before finding Dunn, a garage operator in Menardville, guilty of the rape charge. The jury recommended misdemeanor sentence despite pleas from State Atty. Gen. Andrew Whalen for a felony conviction.

Dunn pleaded not guilty before a packed court room at the beginning of his trial Tuesday morning.

A jury deliberated more than two hours before finding Dunn, a garage operator in Menardville, guilty of the rape charge. The jury recommended misdemeanor sentence despite pleas from State Atty. Gen. Andrew Whalen for a felony conviction.

Dunn pleaded not guilty before a packed court room at the beginning of his trial Tuesday morning.

A jury deliberated more than two hours before finding Dunn, a garage operator in Menardville, guilty of the rape charge. The jury recommended misdemeanor sentence despite pleas from State Atty. Gen. Andrew Whalen for a felony conviction.

DEATH IN CHAIR ENDS LONG CASE

Sat. 1-5-57

REEDSVILLE, Ga., Jan. 4 (AP)—Amos Reece, 31-year-old Negro who was convicted three times of raping a white woman near Marietta, was electrocuted at the state prison Friday.

Reece was a trusty convict when the woman was raped on Oct. 20, 1953. The state charged he left a road grading machine, entered her home and raped her.

His conviction was thrown out by the U. S. supreme court on one occasion on the ground the jury was not properly selected. Later the justice department ordered an investigation of the Cobb county jury system that brought severe criticism from congressmen in Georgia and South Carolina.

The supreme court held that Reece had not been properly indicted. It said he did not have proper legal counsel and was indicted by a grand jury that did not include Negroes.

An FBI investigation of charges of irregularities in the county's method of selecting jurors showed there was no systematic exclusion of Negroes from Cobb juries.

The Georgia supreme court turned down an appeal for a fourth trial for Reece last October. Gov. Marvin Griffith granted a 30-day stay of execution last November to permit an examination of the condemned man by a sanity commission.

Chair Claims Woman in Ga.

REEDSVILLE, Ga.—Amos Reece was electrocuted here Friday for the alleged rape of a white woman in Cobb County.

The death concluded a three-year fight of the prison trusty for his life, which resulted in an FBI investigation of jury selection methods.

About a year ago the Justice Department announced in Washington and Atlanta that Cobb County was "cleared" of charges of bias in jury selection, but said that compliance with the law was only "token."

Reece, who was a prison laborer on a road construction crew at the time of the alleged assault, denied until the end his guilt.

CONVICT YOUTH OF RAPE

Atlanta, Ga.

A teenaged youth was convicted Wednesday of criminally assaulting a 50-year-old woman after he allegedly knocked her down and dragged her to his basement apartment.

Henry Johnson Ellis, of a Crumley St., S. W., address was sentenced to serve from four to 10 years in prison for a February 9 attack on a 50-year-old woman. He was charged with having carnal knowledge of the woman after knocking her down and dragging her around a Crumley St. dwelling to his basement apartment.

Judge J. C. Tanksley read the sentence after an all-white jury found the defendant guilty and recommended mercy. The jury also set limits of the sentence. Rape cases involving white victims and Negro defendants usually bring death sentences.

Robert Terrell, of a Crumley St. address, told the jury he saw the defendant knock the woman down and drag her behind the house.

Homicide Detectives Howard Baugh and C. J. Perry said Ellis was already serving a 12-month sentence for beating another woman on the same night he attacked the mother.

Ptl. F. W. Johnson testified that he and Ptl. R. T. Roper broke open the door of the defendant's apartment and found him assaulting the woman. The officers said they forced the woman's tormentor to release her.

GEORGIA

His Wife in England Reads Of Krull Facing Chair Here

Michael Krull, now under death sentence at the Federal Penitentiary here, has a wife in England who found out where he was by reading an American detective magazine.

A United Press dispatch from London said that Mrs. Peggy Krull was reading an American detective magazine when she saw the picture of Krull, one of two brothers sentenced to die for the kidnap-rape of a Chattanooga businesswoman.

She said that she and Krull were married in 1944 while Krull was in the Army in Great Britain. They had lived together only three months when U.S. military police arrested Krull for being absent without leave, robbery, and marrying without permission. She never saw him again.

Krull, 32, and his brother George, 35, were tried and convicted in Atlanta in federal court in February of last year. They both received the death sentence, but various appeals have kept the sentences from yet being carried out.

The Krulls were tried in federal court because the alleged crime took place at Chickamauga Park, a federal reservation.

FBI Ordered To Open Its Files in Rome Trial

ROME, June 5 (AP)—A U.S. judge today ordered complete FBI reports of a rape investigation turned over to the defendant despite vigorous protest of a government prosecutor.

It was the first application of a Supreme Court decree that essential FBI evidence must be made available to a defendant or the prosecution must be dropped.

Whereupon Hooper agreed to further argument before making a final ruling.

Finally, Ivey agreed to hand over the full reports "under protest" and the trial proceeded.

The decree was handed down in Washington Monday in keeping with the principle that an accused person has a right to confront his accusers.

District Judge Frank A. Hooper yesterday had directed FBI statements from government witnesses be delivered to attorneys for Leonard E. Hicks, 18, and Charles F. Price, 17, accused of raping a 15-year-old girl in a national park.

The U.S. attorney complied with this ruling but when Hooper, after further argument, said it appeared to him that the full investigative report should be included, the prosecution protested.

E. Ralph Ivey, assistant U.S. attorney, called the Supreme Court decision "most revolutionary." He declared that it would jeopardize the trial of nearly all

The decree was handed down in Washington Monday in keeping with the principle that an accused person has a right to confront his accusers.

ACCUSED OF RAPE

Dist. Judge Frank A. Hooper yesterday had directed that FBI statements from government witnesses be delivered to attorneys for Leonard E. Hicks, 18, and Charles F. Price, 17, accused of raping a 15-year-old girl in a national park.

The U.S. attorney complied with this ruling but when Hooper, after further argument, said it appeared to him that the full investigative report should be included, the prosecution rebelled.

E. Ralph Ivey, assistant U.S. attorney, called the Supreme Court decision "most revolutionary." He declared that it would jeopardize the trial of nearly all criminal charges.

FULL REPORTS

Finally, Ivey agreed to hand over the full reports "under protest" and the trial proceeded. The prosecutor explained that he acted on the advice of U.S. Atty. James W. Dorsey in Atlanta and the FBI.

Hicks and Price, high school students from Rossville, an industrial town in north Georgia, are being tried on charges of attacking the girl in Chickamauga National Park near their home.

They were brought into U. S. court because the alleged offense occurred on a federal reservation.

Court Opens File Of FBI To Defendant

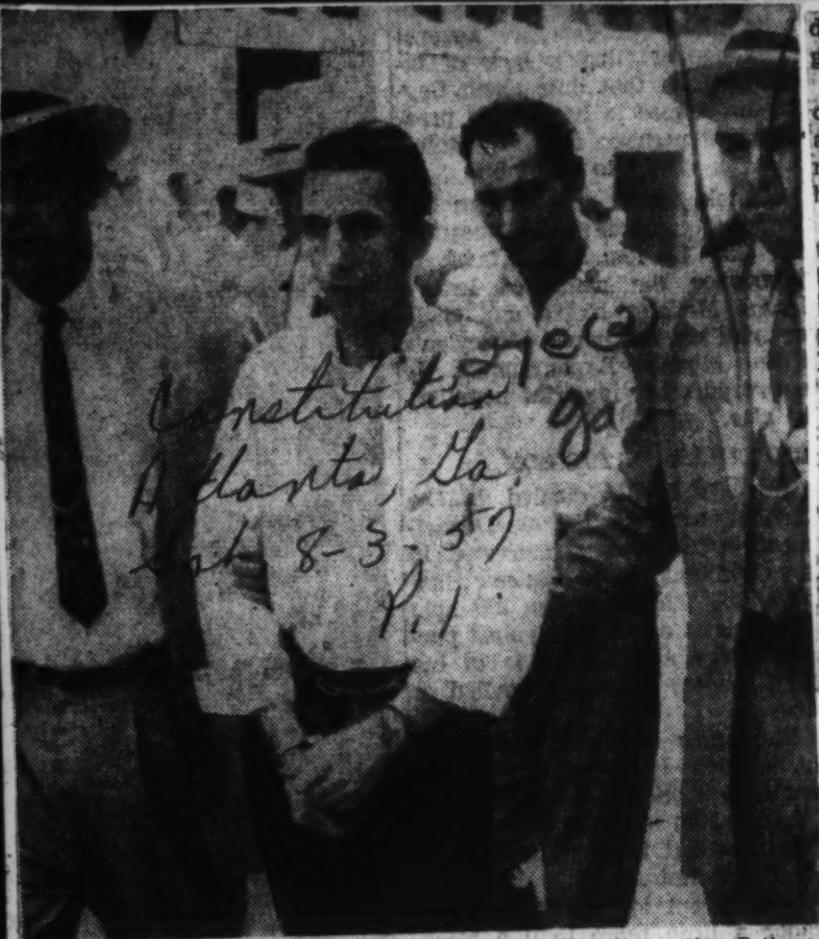
Montgomery, Ala.

ROME, Ga., June 5 (AP)—A U.S. judge today ordered complete FBI reports of a rape investigation turned over to the accused over the vigorous protest of a government prosecutor.

It was the first application of a Supreme Court decree that essential FBI evidence must be made available to a defendant or the prosecution dropped.

9170

9170



Staff Photo—Ken Patterson
U.S. DEPUTIES ESCORT DOOMED KRULL BROTHERS
Shirt-Sleeved Mike, Front, and George Led from Court Here

Michael Krull Pleads For His Life in Court

By GENE BRITTON

Michael Krull made a dramatic courtroom plea for his life Friday, expressed gratitude to his court-appointed attorney—then with his brother George, headed down the last lap to the electric chair.

The Krulls will die Aug. 21 for the kidnap-rape of a 53-year-old Chattanooga businesswoman.

STATE DEATHHOUSE

U. S. District Judge Frank A. Hooper sentenced the brothers from McKees Rocks, Pa., to be electrocuted at the Georgia State Prison deathhouse between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the 21st.

The sentence — number three for the Krulls — came after Michael, 32, pleaded for 25 minutes for his life when Judge Hooper asked if they had anything to say. George, 36, stood in stolid silence while his brother argued that he did not rape the Chattanooga woman on the fed-

didn't touch that woman in the government park."

Judge Hooper told him, "The case has been thoroughly tried and I am sure your attorneys did not overlook anything that would have helped."

Krull agreed with the judge and told the court he wanted to thank his lawyer for all efforts in his behalf.

PERSONAL PLEA FAILS

Brothers Slated to Die In Georgia for Assault

ATLANTA, Aug. 2 (AP)—The Krull brothers must die in the Georgia prison at Reidsville Aug. 21 for the kidnap-rape of a Chattanooga, Tenn., woman.

A 25-minute personal plea today by Michael, 32, failed to save him and his brother, George, 36, from their third and "final" date with death for the crime in the Chickamauga National Park.

George protested to Judge the state prison because the U.S. Frank A. Hooper in U.S. District government has no such facilities Court that he did "not touch the in Georgia. It will be observed woman" in the national park and by federal officers.

hence was illegally tried and given death in a federal court.

Hooper heard the slender, dark-haired prisoner out but concluded: "The case has been thoroughly tried and I am sure your attorneys did not overlook anything that would have helped."

George asked the court only that he might have a little more time "to wind up my business." Hooper said that if prison officials thought this necessary he might entertain such a motion. George replied, "It's mighty hard to get anything from them out there."

The McKees Rock Pa., brothers, wearing spotless white shirts, appeared entirely recovered from an "end of the road" suicide attempt in their cells at the U.S. penitentiary here. They pierced blood vessels in their arms early yesterday after learning that President Eisenhower had denied them executive clemency—their last chance of escaping death. They were convicted Feb. 4, 1956, of kidnaping a 53-year-old business woman on the streets of Chattanooga April 14, 1955, and driving her across the state line into the national park where she was raped repeatedly.

SAYS HE'S NOT AFRAID

Michael, who with his brother attempted suicide this week at Federal Prison here after President Eisenhower turned thumbs down on a plea for executive clemency, told the court he was not afraid to die. However, he said, "I am dying illegally. I

PAIR STOIC BEFORE CHAIR

Montgomery, Ala.

REIDSVILLE, Ga., Aug. 21 (AP)—George Krull, 36, and his brother Michael, 32, went stoically to their

death in the electric chair today for the 1955 kidnap-rape of a Chattanooga, Tenn., woman.

Each flanked by a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, the McKees Rocks, Pa., brothers walked unassisted to the death chair at the Georgia State Prison. They made no final statement and instructed their confessors to make none for them.

A single shock of the 2,300-volt current was sufficient for each. George died first, his younger brother 12 minutes later. Relatives arranged to return the bodies to Pennsylvania for burial.

The two were prosecuted and executed by the U.S. government because the April 14 crime culminated in the Chickamauga National Park of north Georgia. A 53-year old business woman was forced into an automobile on a Chattanooga street, taken to the park just over the state line and repeatedly raped.

The Krulls were convicted in Atlanta Feb. 4, 1956. A series of appeals, the last to the President, voided two dates for their execution. The third and final date was set by U.S. Dist. Judge Frank A. Hooper in Atlanta Aug. 2.

At that time, Michael pleaded with the court for 25 minutes that he was illegally convicted. He claimed he did not molest the woman in the federal park and hence should have been tried if at all in a state court.

The judge replied that Michael and his brother, who stood silently, had been thoroughly tried and he felt sure their attorneys had overlooked nothing that would have helped them.

The state prison facilities were leased for the electrocution, the first federal execution at the 27-year-old prison.

NASHVILLE, Ga., Sept. 10—A Negro convict who raped a white woman after he escaped from a Berrien County prison camp last month was sentenced to death in the electric chair by a jury which heard the case in Berrien Superior Court.

Judge Folks Huxford of the

Alapaha Judicial Circuit, sentenced John Henry White to die Oct. 4. The jury was out 25 minutes before returning the verdict.

White escaped from the prison camp the morning of Aug. 20, and made his way to a house in search of civilian clothing. The woman occupant said the Negro threatened her life and the life of her infant before carrying out the attack on her. Her husband had left for work a short time before the Negro came to the house.

White left the house after the attack and made his way to a swampy area between Nashville and Tifton. He was arrested the following morning after being tracked down by bloodhounds.

The woman this week disclosed that she had received a letter from the brothers begging her to intervene to save their lives, but that she did not answer.

"They didn't answer me when I pleaded with them that day in April of 1955," she commented.

The execution is scheduled for

**III. House
Votes Miller
\$22,500 11-57**

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — (INS) — A man who spent four and a half years in an Illinois prison before it was discovered the woman who accused him of the rape for which he was convicted was suffering from a "schizophrenic personality" was voted \$22,500 Thursday by the Illinois House.

The bill appropriating the money to Harold Miller, of Chicago, now goes to the senate for consideration.

He was taken to the Johnson apartment where he showed policemen how he committed the murder. Asst. State's Atty. Vernon Thompson, and two ministers from the University of Chicago, the Rev. Nathan A. Scott and the Rev. Walter Harrelson also viewed the reenactment.

But it was not until the woman's husband had her committed to a mental institution that Miller's case was reopened, and "the miscarriage of justice" proven.

Later, in Thompson's office, he signed his earlier confession and Adamowski promised him a speedy trial but pledged there will be "no compromise."

Sims, who kept a "future book" in which he listed his intended victims, was arrested by Hyde Park policemen early Sunday at 55th st. and Ellis av. because he matched the description of a rapist who has been terrorizing the university area since last Dec. 1.

Investigate 25 Attacks

Police said that since that late there have been about 25 rapes, attempted rapes, and burglaries in the area, most of them involving single young women employed as teachers or staff members at the university or in hospitals on the campus.

Sims confessed raping and robbing three women in their south side apartments on Feb. 24, March 10, and April 9. He also admitted attempting

This is cold blooded murder," Adamowski said, as he

ordered his first assistant, Frank Feric, to seek grand jury action today against the janitor, George Sims, 29, of 6203 University av.

Quizzed 18 Hours

Sims, questioned for more than 18 hours Sunday and yesterday, first admitted three rapes and an attempted rape he was suffering when confronted by his victim. Then he broke and admitted strangling and raping Mrs. Jeannie Johnson, 62, last April 2 in her home at 6428 Kimbark av.

The bill by Rep. Abner Mikvason (D) of Chicago, sets out that after Miller had spent his 54 months in prison, it was belatedly discovered that "no crime had been committed."

In his reenactment of the murder of Mrs. Johnson, Sims showed how he waited in her apartment, dropped a cord around her neck after she entered and strangled her. He

Three former state's attorneys spoke against the bill—

Senators Glen O. Jones (R., Raleigh), Albert Scott (R., Can-

ton), and Joseph R. Peterson

(R., Princeton). They agreed

after taking \$150 from the

wallet of her husband, a janitor, who was working in a

nearby yard.

to rape Miss Beatrice Mintz, 36, of 5742 Drexel blvd., associate professor of biologic sciences at the university, on April 13.

Sims, a university janitor since last May, said that he usually smoked a marijuana cigarette and drank for several hours before he sought a victim. He confessed using ether on one of his victims and police said ether was used in several other rapes. The ether attack victims have not as yet confronted Sims.

Sims said he got the names of his victims from records in rooms he cleaned on the cam-

15 Next on List

A list of six women who had been raped and another list, roll call, Sen. Lottie Holman

the "future book," of 15 women who had not been victimized were found in his apart-

ment.

In his reenactment of the murder of Mrs. Johnson, Sims showed how he waited in her apartment, dropped a cord around her neck after she entered and strangled her. He

Senators Glen O. Jones (R., Raleigh), Albert Scott (R., Can-

ton), and Joseph R. Peterson

(R., Princeton). They agreed

after taking \$150 from the

wallet of her husband, a janitor, who was working in a

nearby yard.

SENATE OK'S DEATH PENALTY IN RAPE CASES

Foe of Bill Warns of
More Sex Murders

BY GEORGE TAGG

(Chicago Tribune Service)

Springfield, Ill., May 8.—The death penalty would be possible in some rape cases under a bill passed by the senate today amid warnings that it

ILLINOIS

would result in more murders by rapists.

The measure got 31 affirmative votes, only two more than the 29 needed. There were 25 votes against it.

A rapist could be executed only if the rape was accompanied by "extreme violence and great injury."

Chief sponsor of the bill, Sen. Robert Cherry (D., Chicago), said it is indorsed by Chicago Police Commissioner Timothy J. O'Connor and the Chicago city council. He read an editorial from THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE supporting the measure.

Women Members Divided

The two women members of the senate were divided on

been raped and another list, roll call, Sen. Lottie Holman

O'Neill (R., Downers Grove) voted for the bill. Sen. Lillian Schlaginhauf (R., Quincy), a lawyer, was against it because

she "would rather have a raped woman alive than a raped woman dead."

These now offer care at costs that can be paid by relatives, he said. Meyer predicted the end result will be that thousands of elderly persons will be forced to seek shelter in state mental hospitals.

Chicago Janitor

Gets 199 Years

July 7, 1957

In Rape-Slaying

Murderer

CHICAGO, July 9.—A janitor

at the University of Chicago has

been sentenced to 199 years in prison for the rape-slaying of a

62-year-old housewife.

George Sims, 29-year-old Negro, was convicted of strangling Mrs. Jeannie Johnson in her South Side apartment April 2. Mrs. Johnson is white. Sims pleaded innocent, claiming he was not there when Mrs. Johnson was raped and slain.

Judge Naheld P. O'Connell termed the slaying a "vicious crime" and said there were no mitigating circumstances. A series of burglaries and assault charges against Sims were dismissed.

Prosecutors said a list of 18 women employed at the University was found in Sims's room after

"Rape is caused by a dis-eased mind," said Sen. Roland

V. Libonati (D., Chicago). "The death penalty is no deterrent—it is a step backward."

Also passed and sent to the house was a bill providing for state licensing of nursing homes, sheltered care homes, and homes for the aged. Minimum standards would be required for all places caring for three or more adults not related to the operator, where profit is made.

Sees End to Hundreds

Sen. Fred Hart (R., Streator), chief sponsor, said there are more than 1,500 homes to be licensed and supervised. Operation of homes could be stopped by court injunction obtained by the state department of public health.

Sen. John P. Meyer (R., Danville) said there are hundreds of homes which could not meet state standards and would "go down the drain." These now offer care at costs that can be paid by relatives, he said. Meyer predicted the end result will be that thousands of elderly persons will be forced to seek shelter in state mental hospitals.

Chicago Janitor

Gets 199 Years

July 7, 1957

In Rape-Slaying

Murderer

CHICAGO, July 9.—A janitor

at the University of Chicago has

been sentenced to 199 years in prison for the rape-slaying of a

62-year-old housewife.

George Sims, 29-year-old Negro, was convicted of strangling Mrs. Jeannie Johnson in her South Side apartment April 2. Mrs. Johnson is white. Sims pleaded innocent, claiming he was not there when Mrs. Johnson was raped and slain.

Judge Naheld P. O'Connell termed the slaying a "vicious crime" and said there were no mitigating circumstances. A series of burglaries and assault charges against Sims were dismissed.

Prosecutors said a list of 18 women employed at the University was found in Sims's room after

"Rape is caused by a dis-eased mind," said Sen. Roland

Rape-Slayer Sentenced to 199 Yr. Term

Still protesting his innocence, George Sims, 29, of 6203 University av., a former University of Chicago janitor, was sentenced yesterday to 199 years in the penitentiary for the rape-slaying of Mrs. Jeannie Johnson, 62, who was found strangled in her home at 6428 Kimbark av. April 2. He was convicted of murder by Judge Harold P. O'Connell at a bench trial in Criminal court.

Sims had testified that he confessed after police beat him.

Strike Other Charges

"I hope the police do as good a job in finding the real murderer as they did in convicting me," Sims said after sentence was imposed. "I am innocent of this crime. The



GEORGE SIMS

man who did this must be a maniac."

After the sentence, the state's attorney's office agreed to strike, with leave to reinstate, three charges of rape, three of burglary, and one of

Rapist Given

Two Life Terms

27862 See
CHICAGO, Sept. 27 (AP)—A judge told a 21-year-old rapist today. "You are the kind of person who must be removed from society forever" and sentenced him to two life terms in prison. *But he was shielded* In addition he gave the man 10 to 20 years for robbing the two mothers he raped in their homes. *Washington D.C. 9/15*

The state's attorney's office had asked the death penalty. William F. Fitzpatrick, assistant public defender, had asked for acquittal, asserting that the state's whole case was based on a confession after 20 hours of police questioning. When Judge O'Connell made his guilty finding, Fitzpatrick asked for mercy, but it met a rejoinder by Louis Gordon, assistant state's attorney, that Sims was guilty of "a one man crime wave and had the neighborhood in an uproar."

Crime Called "Vicious"

"The only question here," Judge O'Connell commented, "is whether the defendant should get the extreme penalty or be incarcerated for the rest of his life. This is a vicious crime, and nothing I see mitigates in his favor."

Mr. Johnson's husband, Eric, commented that he was satisfied with the 199 year sentence.

During the trial, the state called several prominent persons as witnesses, including Julian Levi, executive director of the South East Chicago commission. Levi said he heard Sims make his confession and that Sims had disrobed at the time to show that he had not been the victim of police brutality.

After Sims arrest, police had said that Sims had admitted the rape-slaying of Mrs. Johnson, that he had raped three other women, and had attempted to rape a fourth, a political science professor at the U. of C. They said Sims had in his room a list of six university women who had been raped and a list of 15 others, construed as a "future book."

27e(2) 1957

INDIANA

9172

RAPE SLAYING TRIAL BEGINS IN CROWN POINT

The trial of George Robert Brown, 25, for the rape slaying of a Gary beauty operator, began yesterday in Lake county Ind. Criminal court in Crown Point before Judge William J. Murray.

A jury of 10 men and two women, qualified to inflict the death penalty, heard Floyd Vance, chief deputy prosecutor, opening the evidence in the slaying on Aug. 7, 1956, of Mildred Grigonis, 30, whose body was found buried April 30 near New Chicago, a Gary suburb, ~~Illinois~~.

Brown is represented by T. Clevel Stenhouse, public defender. The only witness yesterday was George Grigonis, husband of the victim. He told of his efforts to find his wife and identified charred remains of her purse and its contents. The purse was found buried behind Brown's garage.

9173

Rape Verdict Voided, Term Cut to 7 Years

Criminal Court Judge Frank A. Ropke yesterday set aside a jury verdict in a rape case and cut the defendant's prison sentence from 15 to seven years.

Ropke took this action in the case of John Preston Rosenberger, 20-year-old father who 14-year-old girl November 25. A jury found him guilty January 23 and fixed his punishment at 15 years.

Rosenberger, 422 Ohio, denied he raped and beat the girl. He testified he was out with another woman at the time.

Motion Sustained

Ropke sustained Rosenberger's motion for a new trial and permitted him to plead guilty to a charge of detaining a female, amended from rape.

Ropke said he thought 15 years was "excessive punishment for this offense."

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Henry Sadlo objected to the judge's action. It is the policy of the Commonwealth's attorney's office not to request that was found guilty of raping a

setting aside of jury verdicts, Sadlo said.

In a case in Judge L. R. Curtis' division of Criminal Court, three defendants pleaded guilty to uttering a forged check and received two-year sentences each.

They are William Lawrence Buntain, 22, of 1160 Dixie Highway; Clifford Leroy McLennan, 19, of 1626 S. First, and George Robert Calhoun, 23, of 1742 J. Patton Court.

Sadlo said the trio forged two checks and cashed them November 2 at Schupp's Tavern, 1440 Dixie Highway.

White indicted; to be Tried for rape June 19

Mahatma White, 23-year-old Kentucky State College senior charged with the rape of a Lawrenceburg first grader, is to be tried June 19 in Anderson Circuit Court.

A special session of the grand jury met at Lawrenceburg yesterday and indicted White. Circuit Judge Coleman Wright immediately set the trial date.

Anderson Circuit Court is currently in session but the grand jury had already been dismissed when White was brought to Lawrenceburg for examining trial.

White was also brought into Frankfort Police Court yesterday for preliminary hearing on two counts. He faces charges of armed robbery and attempted rape here. He was identified by Mrs. Ralph Robinson as the man who entered her home and took \$6 dollars at gunpoint.

The man grabbed Mrs. Robinson but ran when she broke loose.

Judge Herbert Liebman ordered him held to the grand jury and set a \$1,000 bond for the armed robbery charge and \$5,000 for attempted rape.

No Plea Made

The courtroom over the Frankfort police headquarters was only one-third full when the accused rapist was brought in yesterday. He declined to make a pardon or parole.

In Lawrenceburg a large but orderly crowd gathered for the arraignment. About 15 state and local police officers watched for signs of trouble but there were none.

White told Judge Wright that he had an attorney but didn't name him. It was later learned that the student will be represented by Philip Ardery, of

Louisville:

White was arrested Monday after the child was grabbed by a motorist near her home in Lawrenceburg. He neither admitted nor denied his guilt when questioned.

Identified in the arraignment crowd at Lawrenceburg yesterday were Millard Dee Grubbs, Louisville, head of the Kentucky

the final summary was insanity.

Commonwealth's Attorney James F. Thomas of New Castle asked the jury to return a death sentence. He said testimony showed the man was not insane.

Much of the testimony centered around medical statements concerning White's mental condition.

Anderson Jury All Men Chosen For Rape Trial

Lawrenceburg Ky., June 27.—An all-male jury of Anderson Countians was picked today for the trial of a Negro former college student indicted for rape of a 6-year-old white girl.

First testimony will be offered tomorrow in the trial of Mahatma White of Chicago. White pleaded innocent. One juror is a Negro.

The panel was allowed to return home tonight on agreement between prosecuting and defense attorneys.

The jury selection was delayed for a time because off of White's witnesses were not present. They arrived later.

White, former student at Kentucky State College at Frankfort, was arrested March 18, the day the child was raped.

Man Gets Life In Rape Trial In Pike County

Pikeville Ky., Nov. 15 (AP)—A Pike County Circuit Court jury Friday convicted Carl Ferrell, 22, of rape and fixed his sentence at life in prison.

Commonwealth's Attorney J. A. Runyon had requested the life sentence without parole. The jury, however, recommended no such ban on parole.

Ferrell was the first of nine men and boys to be tried in the alleged rape of two teen-age sisters at Freeburn last August 18.

White Did Not Testify

White, 23, pleaded innocent to raping the child near here last March 18, but did not testify in his own behalf.

The principal defense plea in

3 Given 4-Year Terms For Rape In Cemetery

Courier-Journal P. 10
Thurs. 9-12-57 Louisville Ky.
Three youths accused of raping a 15-year-old girl in an abandoned cemetery last May 29 were sentenced to prison for four years each in Criminal Court yesterday.

They pleaded guilty to charges of detaining a woman, amended from rape, before Judge E. P. Sawyer.

The youths are Porter Ferrell, 18, of 818 S. 12th; Charles Edward Flannery, 17, rear of 608 E. Madison, and Earl Charles Chambers, 17, of 511 S. 16th.

Police said the offenses took place in the old Western Cemetery at 16th and Jefferson. The trio took the girl from her home ostensibly to go to a baseball game, but instead forced her into the cemetery, police said.

Man Given 5 Years

Edgar Howell, 28, of 1710 W. Walnut, received a five-year prison sentence from Sawyer when he pleaded guilty to a storehouse-breaking charge.

Howell was charged with breaking into the Bentley Store, 260 S. Fourth, on April 21 and stealing jewelry and appliances. A similar charge against him for allegedly breaking into Peoples Credit Clothing Store, 231 S. Fourth, on April 27 was filed away.

In another case, Fred Cardwell, Jr., 38, of 1603 S. Fourth, received a three-year prison sentence when he pleaded guilty to a charge of forging a narcotics prescription last March.

9/74

Execution Taken Hard By Community

A calm, grateful but almost abandoned young man walked to his death in the electric chair at Angola State Penitentiary shortly after midnight last Thursday after spending more than four years in two death houses.

23-year-old John Michel was led from his cell and walked "his last mile" while thanking all the persons everywhere who aided him in his long unsuccessful battle to escape his horrible fate, according to Warden Maurice Sigler.

Michel was executed for the alleged rape of a 15-year-old white girl on February 10, 1953 in downtown New Orleans. He was 19 years old at the time. Friends and neighbors over the two were not exactly strangers to each other. They allege young Michel had worked for the girl's family.

Michel's attorneys, George Fust and Gerald Schrieber worked diligently to save the doomed youth's life. During that stormy four year period they appealed the death verdict to every court in the land but each time their pleas for clemency or for a new trial fell upon deaf ears.

Michel became the forty third Negro to be executed for allegedly raping white women in Louisiana while reports show that the last white man to die for rape in New Orleans was fifty years ago, back on August 9, 1907.

Finally all legal steps were exhausted and the execution was carried out. Governor Earl K. Long signed the death warrant and according to all records which have been found to date young Michel was the first person to be executed at the Louisiana State Penitentiary.

Until 1956, all executions were carried out by sheriffs in their own parishes, using a state portable electric chair. A 1956 law ordered all executions to take place at Angola.

So great was public sentiment in the Michel case that the girl's family is said to have moved out of New Orleans. It is said she was never called

to testify at his trial. After a period of time most of Michel's close relatives left the city also. His mother and father are said to be living in Chicago. Reports emerging from the death house said one brother and two sisters visited Michel during his last hours. These reports also said that Attorney Fust shed tears when all hopes for a reprieve finally faded away. These two attorneys were paid by the state for their legal efforts throughout the four-year struggle.

To the utter disappointment of thousands of persons in this city who awaited the arrival of the executed man's body here for burial, a private funeral was held for him in Baton Rouge. The DeSalle Mortuary in that city buried him.

Warden Sigler said Michel walked calmly to the chair and was strapped in it at 12:10 and was pronounced dead ten minutes later.

Michel became the forty third Negro to be executed for allegedly raping white women in Louisiana while reports show that the last white man to die for rape in New Orleans was fifty years ago, back on August 9, 1907.

Labat and Poret Granted New Stay

Doomed Men Given New Hope by Justice Black!

Courier-Pg. 4, Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 10, 1957
NEW ORLEANS—U. S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black signed an order Saturday staying the executions of Clifton Alton Poret and Edgar Labat, convicted and sentenced to die for the rape of a white woman.

Defense Atty. G. Wray Gill told the Courier the executions were stayed pending disposition by the U. S. Supreme Court for petitions for writ of certiorari to be filed in 15 days.

The condemned men are seeking reviews of previous actions by the Supreme Court of Louisiana and the United States.

Twice last week the State Supreme Court denied them a rehearing and a stay of execution. The U. S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans likewise had refused to extend a 10-day stay granted Sept. 19.

Mrs. Elnora Henderson last week came to the defense of Labat, swearing she was sleeping with Labat the night the woman said she was raped.

New Evidence Uncovered Is Startling

The first step in what is hoped to be a series of successes that will ultimately save Edgar Labat and Clifton Alton Poret from being executed was recorded last Thursday when the two men were granted a 10 day stay of execution by Judge John Minor Wisdom of the fifth U. S. Court of Appeals.

The stay of execution came as a direct result of the untiring efforts of the Universal Association of Ethiopian Women and the Royal United Mission.

BULLETIN - 5
Late Monday afternoon, the WEEKLY was informed by G. Wray Gill, attorney on the Ed-

the other, according to records, criminally assaulted the woman.

Lat. 9-28-57

The statement by Labat's "girl friend" further states that Labat was in such an intoxicated condition that he was unable to move. After leaving Labat, the statement continued, she was soundly beaten by her husband upon entering her home.

The statement charges that about 10 a.m. the morning following the rape, police entered Labat's home and beat him with the leg from a table. Later, she, according to the statement, was picked up from her job and brought to the 12th Police Station where she charged the police with beating and torturing Labat. The statement shows that the woman told police officers that she was with Labat at the time of the rape, but the police would not take what she said as testimony. The woman said while dictating the statement to a lawyer, that she had not come forward earlier to say she was with Labat at the time of the alleged rape because she feared what her husband might do to her.

Earlier, a statement was obtained from Earl Howard, the only witness in the case, stating that he had been beaten by the police until he falsely identified the two men as having followed the couple that was attacked.

The stay of execution was granted by Judge Wisdom to permit his court to determine whether the men's appeals involved any substantial issue of due process under the 14th Amendment of the U. S. Constitution, and to permit the petitioners to further exhaust their remedies in the state

courts of Louisiana.

Previously, District Judge J. Skelly Wright had denied the petition, stating that the new issues sought in the case had never been called to the attention of a state court. He held that because the attorneys in the case had not exhausted their efforts in state court, the federal court had no jurisdiction.

Supreme Court Justice Black Signs Order

PORET, LABAT WIN NEW STAY OF EXECUTION

The groups' efforts resulted in getting a strong affidavit from Mrs. Elora Henderson, the electric chair in Angola with stating that she spent the night a day before the rape occurred with Clifton Alton Poret and Edgar Labat, convicted and sentenced to die for the alleged rape of a white woman, were unable to move.

given at least two more weeks of life when U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black signed a 15 day stay of execution for the two men, last Saturday.

The executions were stayed, according to defense Attorney G. Wray Gill, pending disposition for petitions of writs of certiorari by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The fate of the two men looked very dim as twice last week the State Supreme Court denied a rehearing of the case and would not give a stay of execution. A ten day stay granted on Sept. 19 was denied extension by the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, earlier. Then the stay was granted.

The second stay marks step number two in what is hoped to be a series of successes that will ultimately save the two men.

The long, hard fight to save Poret and Labat's lives is being spearheaded by Universal Association of Ethiopian Women, the Royal United Missionary Baptist Association and Mrs. Azalie Poret, mother of one of the condemned men.

The groups untiring around the clock efforts have been instrumental in securing affidavits from persons who said they were intimidated into withholding evidence attesting to the innocence of the two men.

One man robbed the male and the other, according to records, assaulted the woman.

Earlier, an affidavit was obtained from Earl Howard, the only witness in the case, saying he was beaten by police until he falsely identified Labat and Poret as the two men that followed the couple of which the woman was raped.

Mrs. Audley Moore, President of the Universal Association of Ethiopian Women, told the WEEKLY that her organization and the Royal United Missionary Baptist Association are continuing every effort to save the two men from being executed.

Mrs. Moore said that at a mass meeting held earlier in the week, members present laid plans for a series of fund raising activities to help defend the men.

Meanwhile, the two men saved from execution twice, await further developments in the fight that is being waged to save their lives. Both men once again said that they were innocent and that they had never known each other before being placed in jail. Both thanked all who have helped in the drive to save their lives.

Poret and Labat were convicted and sentenced to die for the alleged rape of a white woman in 1950. Court records show that a white woman and her escort were stopped in the vicinity of Thalia and Broad after midnight Nov. 12, 1950.

27a(2) 1957

MARYLAND

9175

Father of Nine Gets Life Term For Girl Attack

A Clarksburg (Md.) father of nine yesterday was sentenced to life imprisonment for the rape of a 14-year-old girl June 30.

The sentence to the Maryland Penitentiary was imposed on Horace Wesley Long, 47, by Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge John R. Reeves.

Long was convicted two weeks ago. Tuesday a motion for a new trial by his attorneys, J. Hodge Smith and Plummer Shearin, was denied.

Long faced a possible death penalty in the case after the jury failed to recommend leniency. He stood quietly as the sentence was imposed.

Judge Reeves told the defendant that he was convinced the jury had returned a proper verdict.

Long, after his conviction, attempted to take his life in the Rockville Jail by cutting his arm with a small knife apparently smuggled into his cell in his shoe.

Mississippian Gets 20 Years In Rape Case

Advertiser
Apr. 7 6-37
Montgomery, Ala.
MAGNOLIA, Miss., April 5.—The admitted ringleader of four white men accused of abusing a 16-year-old Negro girl was sentenced today to 20 years at hard labor and was told by the judge his actions "had brought bitter condemnation on the State of Mississippi."

Circuit Judge Tom Brady pronounced the sentence against 30-year-old Ernest Dillon, Tylertown, who last week was allowed to plead guilty to a reduced charge of assault with intent to rape. Dillon, one of three men accused of raping the girl, had been held on rape charges since the May 13, 1956, incident.

The judge said the state probably will "come in for a whole lot more of vitriolic abuse from people who hate the South" as a result of the case.

Brady disclosed the Negro girl, her mother and her uncle were consulted before the charge against Dillon was reduced.

Miss White Cleared of Raping Negro Girl

Advertiser
Apr. 7 6-37
Magnolia, Miss. — (SNS) — A trial in Circuit Court here, presided over by Judge Tom Brady, author of Black Monday, a book which strongly criticized the U.S. Supreme Court's public school desegregation ruling, a jury, after two hours and three minutes of deliberation, found Olen Duncan, 22-year-old white man, innocent of charges of raping a Negro girl.

Gets Twenty Years For Attacking Girl
Ernest Dillon
MAGNOLIA, Miss. — Ernest Dillon, 30, ringleader of four white men who were accused of kidnapping and raping a 16-year-old Negro girl has been sentenced to 20 years at hard labor on the reduced charge of "assault with intent to rape." Rape rates the death penalty in this state.

Writ Will Be Asked, White Attorney Gets Suspended Term On Assault

Commercial Appeal
Mon. 7-8-57

Sentenced In Criminal Attack On 42-Year-Old Woman

Memphis, Tenn.
LAWYER FILES PETITION

P. 15

Special to The Commercial Appeal

GREENWOOD, Miss., July 7.—A writ of habeas corpus for a 15-year-old Mobile, Ala., boy serving a life sentence for criminally assaulting a 42-year-old woman will be requested here Tuesday morning.

Circuit Court Judge Arthur Jordan will hear a petition alleging that George "Joe Boy" Bullock Jr., is being detained at Parchman State Penitentiary without authority. The hearing will begin at 10 a.m.

Followed Guilty Plea

Vincent F. Kilborn, Mobile attorney and a former state senator, filed the petition asking for the writ.

The Mobile high school sophomore was given a life sentence Feb. 23, 1956, at Lucedale, Miss., after he pleaded guilty to criminally assaulting a Lucedale woman eight days earlier.

Young Bullock said he was passing through Lucedale on his way to visit an aunt in Louisiana at the time.

Mr. Kilborn recently took over the case. A court-appointed lawyer represented the boy at the trial.

Mr. Kilborn gave several reasons why he thinks the boy should have a new trial.

He contends:

1. Young Bullock entered the guilty plea under duress, fear, promise, threat and coercion.

Says Jury Required

2. Judge Leslie B. Grant had no right to impose sentence. A jury is required to impose punishment in capital crimes.

3. The court failed to admonish the petitioner as to the consequences of his guilty plea.

4. The grand jury indictment of the boy is illegal because it charges two crimes in one court—assault and battery, and rape.

5. The judge sentenced the boy without first adjudging him guilty.

White Atty. Rapes Baby-Sitter, 17

Pascagoula, Miss. — "Don't do it again for at least five years."

This, in effect, was the penalty imposed by a ~~Jackson~~ County court upon Bernard Gautier, 24-year-old white attorney, after convicting him last week of raping a 17-year-old Negro babysitter.

Actually, Gautier was found guilty of statutory rape, sentenced to a five-year suspended prison term and placed on five years' probation. Judge Leslie Grant presided over the trial.

Gautier had been indicted by a grand jury last month for criminally assaulting the girl he was driving home from a babysitting job in his residence on April 28.

DURING THE TRIAL, the girl testified that the attorney drove her to a wooded area instead of taking her home. She said she was afraid to disobey when he ordered her to disrobe and was intimate with her.

Gautier did not take the stand in his own defense.

The 12-man jury deliberated less than two hours before returning the guilty verdict and announcing the sentence. Judge Grant accepted the verdict.

Duplin Negro Gets 10-15 Years For Assaulting White Woman

News & Observer Raleigh, N.C.
July 28, 1957

WHITEVILLE, Aug. 27—John McArthur Jr., 21-year-old Negro, was given 10-15 years in State Prison today after entering a plea of guilty to charges of assault with intent to commit rape of Mrs. Emma Brinson, 62-year-old white woman near Kenansville.

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill also sentenced McArthur to 10 years for breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony. The sentences are to run concurrently.

A special venire of 75 had been impaneled, but was dismissed since the case didn't reach a jury. McArthur reportedly went to the woman's home June 3 and asked for a "setting" of eggs. He was said to have followed Mrs. Brinson into her kitchen where he made advances and struck at her with a knife.

They tussled, and fell into the back yard, it was reported, where he succeeded in taking the knife away from him. The attack occurred around 8 p.m.

Mrs. Brinson, who said she hid under her doorstep after the defendant went for a glass of water, later hailed a passing car, and was taken to the hospital.

Defense lawyers said McArthur, found sleeping in the back seat of a car, was drunk at the time of the attack.

Negro Executed in North Carolina on Rape Charge

RALEIGH, N.C. Nov. 22—(P)

McAfee, 29-year-old Negro, was executed in the state's penitentiary today for first-degree burglary in the attempted rape of a pretty high school student.

McAfee, itinerant farm worker from Mississippi, was calm as he was led into the tiny triple execution chamber and strapped in one after another heavy execution chair.

OFFICERS HAVE said that McAfee admitted after his arrest that he killed a 16-year-old

white woman at Fairburn, Ga., in October, 1956.

McAfee was convicted last March. Mrs. Glenn Waugh, 17, white, testified that McAfee climbed through the window of the bedroom in her two-room cottage while her husband was at work on the night of Jan. 31. She said he slashed her throat after attempting several times to rape her. Forty stitches were required to close her throat wound.

Man Is Bound Over On Charge of Rape

News & Observer, Raleigh, N.C.
Aug. 28, 1957

A young magazine salesman from Texas has been bound over to Wake Superior Court on the charge of raping a 16-year-old Wake Forest High School girl late Thursday.

Wake Forest Chief of Police Floyd Whitman said that George Slayton was arrested in South Hill, Va. Friday night, ending a two-day search.

Slayton was given a hearing before Judge Donald Gulley in Wake Forest Saturday morning and was bound over to Superior Court without privilege of bond.

According to Whitman, Slayton admitted taking the girl to the place where the attack allegedly occurred. He denied raping her, however.

Lois Keith told officers that Slayton picked her up at Wake Forest High School and promised to take her home. Instead, he took her to an isolated spot on Loop Road and raped her, she said.

Dr. C. T. Wilkerson, who examined the girl Thursday night, reported that she had had an intercourse.

Chief Whitman said that Slayton gave his home address as Temple, Texas. He was working with a group of magazine salesmen out of Rocky Mount at the time of his arrest.

Whitman said that the tip on Slayton's whereabouts came from a rival group of salesmen, who were disturbed at the bad publicity magazine salesmen were getting.

Burlington Man Gets Life Term For Raping Child

GRAHAM, Oct. 16 — A 27-year-old Burlington industrial worker with a dual reputation as both "an active church worker and molester of children," today received a life prison sentence for raping a 10-year old Burlington girl.

Jack Treptor, partially balding and slight of stature, took the sentencing in Alamance Superior Court calmly this afternoon after entering a plea of guilty.

Judge Clawson L. Williams passed sentence after Solicitor W. H. Murdock brought out that Treptor had had relations with the girl "five or six times" dating from May, 1955.

Treptor was arrested June 17, after the child and her sister, Mrs. L. F. Ayers told Sheriff Joe W. Cole of the incidents and of the child's physical injury resulting from the relations.

The incidents occurred in all but one instance after Treptor had taken the child to church.

Evidence revealed that the mother had been told by the child of the relations, but she

just laughed and told me not to worry because if I did, Daddy would go down there and kill Jack and mama would put me in the training school." This statement was made by the girl at the preliminary hearing on July 17.

Neither the child, the mother nor Treptor took the stand today.

Treptor, it was brought out, in testimony by officers had taken a beach trip with the mother and daughter and all had occupied the same bed where Treptor had relations with the mother.

It also was revealed that the mother "would do all she could to help Treptor."

She told that the children (her daughters) were trying to frame Treptor, according to testimony

presented by Deputy Wade Montgomery.

In a letter from Treptor to the child which was read in court, Treptor asked forgiveness for hurting the girl and said he "loved her still" and would always love her.

He wrote, "Don't forget that you are a Christian and go to Sunday School."

Judge Williams, in passing sentence, said, "This is about as sorry an exposition of degeneracy and depravity as I've seen in court in 50 years."

9177

27e(2) 1957

OKLAHOMA

9178

Negro's Rape Term Changed By High Court

William Jackson Jr. was charged with raping a white girl. The girl was hitchhiking, on her way to visit relatives in the south. She was stranded, about 4 or 5 a. m. on the road to the north of Altus. Jackson and two other Negro soldiers, returning from Oklahoma City saw her flagging them down. She rode into Altus with these soldiers. On arrival in Altus, the record reveals she asked to be taken to a Negro hotel. This was done and a room procured for her.



The state charges the defendant had sexual relations with her. He denies that he had such relations with her. He admits he was in bed with her, but related that she kept her clothes on.

Jackson changed his plea to guilty after a conference with two officers from the legal staff of the Altus airforce base. He had previously stated in open court that he had money to employ counsel. Lt. Eckert and Lt. Walter were the officers who took him to the county attorney's office for this conference. The defendant testified that Lt. Eckert told him to take a five-year sentence, which it was indicated, the county attorney would recommend. The de-

fendant said Lt. Eckert told him, "We want to keep this thing as quiet as we can."

The defendant testified he did not enter a plea of guilty. He said he told the court when he was brought back into the courtroom, "I'm not guilty, I don't care what you do."

The criminal court of appeals, Wednesday, reversed the 5-year prison sentence given the 22-year-old Jackson. The court held that the defendant did not have advice of counsel when he changed his plea from innocent to guilty.

"It clearly appears in the record that the trial court advised the defendant of his right to additional time, right to trial by jury, and the right to aid of counsel. Yet, it further appears that the defendant stated he had money to employ counsel and that he first entered a plea of not guilty. The weakness of the record from the standpoint of the state is it does not show any inquiry on the part of the trial court as to why the defendant's plea was changed in determining the basis for the new plea and as to whether it was voluntary on his part and unequivocal. The fact is evident that at no time on the District Court arraignment was the defendant represented by counsel of his own choice or given ample opportunity to procure such representation."

"The fact that the defendant had the counsel of the Air Force officers by no means fulfills the constitutional right to counsel of his own choice. The trial court should have explored to the fullest the defendant's capabilities as to whether he was able and desired to hire counsel of his own choice. Furthermore, he should have explored to the fullest the reasons for the accused's sudden change of plea. Likewise, the possibility of defendant's relatives employing counsel for trial should have been explored... These were all matters that should not have been lightly regarded. A thorough inquiry by the trial court on these points might have lifted this case from the realm of speculation. It might have disclosed the necessity for a continuance, and, on the other hand an unequivocal waiver of the aid of counsel as well as an unequivocal, free, and voluntary plea of guilty."

The appeals court said it could

not reasonably conclude that the waiver of counsel was clearly free and responsible, nor that the plea of guilty was freely and voluntarily made.

270(2) 1958

PENNSYLVANIA

9179

6 NEGROES CONVICTED IN ASSAULT ON GIRL

~~Convicted~~
Sixth Pleads Guilty In

Philadelphia Case

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 9. — (AP)—A jury Friday night convicted five Negro youths on charges of criminally assaulting and beating a teenage white girl in a South Philadelphia schoolyard.

A sixth defendant pleaded guilty.

Judge Louis E. Leventhal immediately sentenced all six to terms in Eastern State Penitentiary ranging up to 15 years.

The girl, Katherine Heckart, who was 17 at the time of the attack, testified her attackers dragged her into a deserted schoolyard the night of Sept. 18. There, she said, they beat her and held her down while she was assaulted. A 16-year-old white boy heard her screams and came to her aid. Three of the attackers fought with him, enabling the girl to get away.

The jury of nine women and three men deliberated three hours in reaching the verdict.

The charges against the six included rape, aggravated assault and battery, and assault with intent to ravish. Those convicted and their sentences are: Leroy Kelly, 22, and Ivy Lee Crosland, 23, 7½ to 15 years; Joseph Crosland, 20, and his brother, Robert, 19, cousins of Ivy Lee Crosland, and Donald Johnson, 17, 5½ to 15 years.

Roddy Miller, 17, pleaded guilty at the outset of the trial, changed his plea to innocent on one charge during the case, and then pleaded guilty again Friday. He was sentenced to 5 to 15 years.

27e(2) 1957

TENNESSEE

9180

INDICTED FOR ASSAULT
Commercial Area
Negro Also Faces Burglary.

Larceny charge
~~Commercial Area~~
Indictments charging rape,
burglary, larceny from the person
and pistol carrying were re-
turned yesterday against Willie
B. Harris, Negro, by the Shelby
County Grand Jury. 10-59

Police charge Bennett, 30, of
761 Saxon took \$15 from the
cash register of the Jordan
Sundry Store at 111 Mississippi
last ~~year~~. He then struck a
N. ~~name~~, Joannie Wil-
liams, with his pistol and forced
her to accompany him to his
house, where he criminally as-
saulted her.

27e(2) 1957

TENNESSEE

9181

Brothers Granted Stay Of Execution

ATLANTA, April 30 (AP) — George and Michael Krull, McKees Rock, Pa., brothers under sentence to die May 9 for the kidnap-rape of a Chattanooga, Tenn., woman, today were granted a 70-day stay of execution pending an appeal for executive clemency.

The brothers were convicted after the kidnap-rape of the 53-year-old business woman on April 4, 1955. She testified they entered her automobile on a downtown Chattanooga street and forced her to drive to Chickamauga National Park where she was attacked.

27e(2) 1957

TEXAS

9182

~~WAC-Rapist Dies in Prison, Leaves \$25,000 Disability Pay~~

Atlanta, Ga. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 18 (AP)—A man convicted of raping a Women's Army Corps technician amassed \$25,080 in government disability payments while serving time in the Texas prison, his attorney said today.

The man, Edward S. Wells, 35, died yesterday at the prison. Wells, a Negro, was convicted of raping the white WAC Feb. 23, 1946, and was sentenced to 35 years.

Testimony showed the woman broke her back in a traffic wreck here. Wells offered to drive her to a hospital. Instead, he drove her a short distance from the wreck scene, threw her out of the car and attacked her. The WAC was alone in her car at the time of the one-car accident. Attorney Theo Henley said relatives believe Wells left an estate of more than \$30,000.

The attorney said Wells, a disabled World War II veteran, received \$25,080 in disability payments after he entered prison. He suffered shell fragment wounds. He also had a \$10,000 government life insurance policy.

Henley said most of the pension money probably remains intact because prisoners in Texas are allowed to spend only \$5 a week.

The prisoner's death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage.

~~Negro, Given Life After Confessing Assault Attempt,~~

Dallas, Tex. (UPI)—Thomas Bell, 17, a Negro, was sentenced to 50 years in prison Friday night after pleading guilty to a charge of raping a white Denison High School girl April 7.

The all-white jury of seven men and five women deliberated eight hours. The state had asked the death penalty.

27e(2) 1957

VIRGINIA

Virginia Judge Asked To Halt Electrocution Of Gadsden Man

9183

Advertisement P. 10-a
RICHMOND, Va., July 4 (AP)—A Richmond judge has been asked to grant a Writ of habeas corpus for Frank J. Snider Jr., due to die in the electric chair next Thursday for the May 1956 rape of a 10-year-old Roanoke girl.

If granted, the petition undoubtedly would delay Snider's execution. Snider's attorneys based their appeal on a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the Caryl Chessman case.

The petition was filed yesterday in Richmond's Hustings Court Part II, by Harvey Lukens, one of Snider's attorneys. Judge M. Ray Doubles said today he probably would rule on the petition tomorrow.

Snider, a husky Gadsden, Ala., construction worker, was sentenced to death June 27, 1956.

LEGAL MANEUVERS

A series of legal maneuvers, including an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, have stayed his execution.

In Roanoke, Snider's attorney, T. Warren Messick, said he was basing his petition for the writ on the Chessman case on which the Supreme Court ruled June 10. In a 5-3 decision, the high court held that California must not execute the convicted sex terrorist, who turned author in prison, before another review of the case.

Messick contends the Snider case is similar. He said a three-member sanity commission named before Snider's trial never submitted a written report. Messick said a man should not be executed when his sanity is in doubt.

Lutens said if the writ is granted, a hearing probably would not be held until September.

SNIDER REPRIEVED TWICE

Gov. Stanley has granted Snider reprieves twice.

The Roanoke girl was raped and returned to the vicinity of her home on Mother's Day, 1956. Snider eluded police in a high-speed chase. Police located him at the home of a girl friend but he fled through a back door.

Snider was arrested finally at his father's home in Gadsden. His attempt to evade extradition to Virginia was unsuccessful.

27g 1957

ALABAMA

9184

Negro Admits He *Pst-Herald* Attacked Woman

Tues 2-12-57
CENTRE, Feb. 11 (AP)—Willie
Clayton Wright, 21-year-old
Cherokee County Negro,
changed his plea to admit guilt
today at the start of his trial for
criminally assaulting a white
woman here Dec. 9.

Wright was brought to Centre
from Gadsden, where he had
been held for safekeeping, un-
der State Highway Patrol escort.
A jury will fix sentence.

27g 1957

GEORGIA

9185

Bleckley Woman Saves Negro From Night Riders

COCHRAN, March 13 (AP)—Additional arrests are expected soon in a case in which several white men attempted to burn an elderly Bleckley County white woman's home where a Negro man had gone to protect her.

The woman drew an ax on the intruders and kept them from forcing the Negro man into a car and driving away with him, officers said.

Bleckley Sheriff Gus Giddens said one white man has been arrested on a charge of attempted arson and freed under \$1,000 bond.

The sheriff withheld the man's name and address, pending further arrests. He said names of those involved will be made known when other arrests are made.

The white woman whose home the men attempted to burn is in her sixties. The Negro is 72.

Sheriff Giddens identified the white woman as Mrs. Mae Stokes and the Negro man as Joe Rawls.

Two cars of nightriders were involved, Sheriff Giddens said, and a jar of gasoline was tossed from one onto the porch of the house and an ignited torchlike object from another. The lighted object did not reach the gas to ignite, the sheriff said.

Sheriff Giddens quoted Mrs. Stokes as saying she saw three white men standing in her front yard and two of them grabbed Rawls by the arms and tried to force him into one of the cars and drive away with him. She drove them away with an ax.

White Woman Holds Off Mob With Axe. Saves Aged Negro

COCHRAN, Ga.—An enraged and defiant white woman held off an infuriated mob that tried unsuccessfully to burn her house and kidnap an aged Negro farmhand who is a lifelong resident of her farm.

It was reported that at least one white man has been arrested and released on bond in connection with the arson try. The sheriff withheld the man's name, but revealed that several other arrests were expected to be made.

The tension mounted after angry whites discovered farmhand Joe Rawls, 72, in the home of Mrs. Mae Stokes, 62. Rawls, who lives only a few hundred yards from the farmhouse, has lived on the Stokes farm all his life.

17-91
MRS. STOKES explained that Rawls grew up with her brother and had "always cut stove wood and done other work around the farm and house". Her brother, who lives with Mrs. Stokes, has been confined to a hospital for several months with a heart ailment.

Joe
She also said Rawls suffers with an ulcerated stomach and had to have special foods prepared by the family.

The incident flared up when two earloads of night riders forced their way into Mrs. Stokes' home and tossed a jar of gasoline and a torch-like object made of cotton material. The torch fell short of the gasoline and failed to ignite it.

WHEN TWO MEN grabbed Rawls and attempted to force him into the car, he broke away from them and ran, according to reports.

Mrs. Stokes is said to have held off the crowd and forestalled the kidnap attempt when she picked up an axe and held the night riders at bay.

It could not be confirmed whether or not the Ku Klux Klan provoked the incident, but the sheriff's office revealed that this was under investigation. However, it was reported that none of the men wore robes, masks or other Klan regalia.

27g 1957

MISSISSIPPI

9186

**SHERIFF MOVES PAIR
HELD IN SEX ATTACK**

*Fri. Feb 1 - 57
Tension Rises At Columbia
Memphis, Tenn.
After Negroes Seized*

COLUMBIA, Miss., Feb. 28.—(UP)—Walthall County authorities, wary of mounting "tensions," Thursday transferred two Negroes charged with attempting to criminally assault a white teenager to an undisclosed jail to await the outcome of lie detector tests.

J. C. McGowan, 21, and T. B. Bullock, 32, jointly accused of invading the home of a white farmer Saturday night, denied their guilt after their arrests earlier this week.

The farmer told officers he was awakened by his 14-year-old daughter's screams. She said she found a nude Negro in her bed but routed him with her screams for help.

Dist. Atty. Vernon Broome said he filed charges after the Negroes were given lie detector tests to check their conflicting stories of the incident. He promised to reveal the outcome of the tests later.

McGowan told police Bullock slipped into the house while he waited outside. Bullock claimed he was "in church" at the time of the incident.

Sheriff W. W. Sharp reported his office had been bothered by a number of anonymous telephone calls since the arrest of the Negroes and the men were moved to avoid possible trouble.

27h(1) 1957

Negro man held for assaulting girl

A 25-year-old Negro man charged with raping a 4-year-old Negro girl was being held in City Jail today, police said.

Joseph Slaughter, 2222 Eighth-av., s, was found molesting the child when her mother discovered them and called police Det. J. B. Golden said.

The child was treated by a doctor. She was found not to be seriously hurt, police said.

Slaughter was arrested by Det. Golden and Patrolmen P. D. Jarvis and H. E. Carroll.

Golden said Slaughter would be transferred today to County Jail to await hearing.

Negro hides in car of Mobile AF clerk, attacks her twice

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 24 (AP)—A 34-year-old white woman reported to officers she was raped twice last night by a Negro who threatened to kill her.

Officers today found her abandoned red convertible at the end of a dirt road four miles north of Theodore and about 12 miles south of Mobile. It was checked for fingerprints.

All young Negro men in that area were being rounded up for questioning at the county jail. About 50 officers were in the manhunt.

Bloodhounds were taken to the area where the car was found but were unable to pick up a trail.

The blonde divorcee, a clerk at Brookley Air Force Base here, gave this account:

SHE RETURNED to her car after eating a sandwich in a restaurant at busy Five Points in Mobile. After she drove about four blocks the Negro, about 20, rose from the back seat. He demanded she drive him to Theodore, 14 miles west of Mobile, to see his "sick mother."

He made her drive onto a lonely dirt road about two miles west of Theodore and there raped her twice.

HE THEN DROVE back toward U. S. 90 but started to turn around, saying "I don't know what I'm going to do with you. I think I'll kill you."

The woman said she "jumped out of the car and ran, and he headed for Mississippi." She

said she had taken off her high heel shoes before leaping. She flagged down a truck driver who took her to Theodore.

Negro Hunted On Rape Count Near Mobile

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 24 (AP)—Officers today rounded up several persons for questioning but reported no apparent success in their search for a Negro who allegedly raped a white woman.

The hunt was concentrated near Theodore after the 34-year-old divorcee's red convertible was found at the end of a dirt road four miles north of Theodore and about 12 miles south of Mobile.

The woman, weighing less than 100 pounds, reported to officers that a Negro, about 20, raped her twice within 1½ hours last night after forcing her to drive him from Mobile to a lonely road two miles west of Theodore.

She said she jumped from the moving car afterwards when he said "I don't know what I'm going to do with you. I think I'll kill you." She flagged a truck driver.

The woman said he had hid in her car while she was in a restaurant. She said she didn't see any weapon but that he acted as if he had one concealed.

Gov. James E. Folsom today offered a \$500 reward for information leading to the capture of the woman's attacker.

About 50 officers were in the manhunt.

Extradition Faced By Rape Suspect

LANSING, Mich., June 10 (AP)—Gov. G. Mennen Williams today authorized extradition to Alabama of Jerry Britt Jones.

Jones, a Negro, is wanted in Birmingham, Ala., for the alleged rape of a 14-year-old girl last March. He is being held in the Wayne County Jail at Detroit.

Detroit Attorney J. Connor Austin, who represents Jones here, had objected earlier to extradition papers filed by the State of Alabama. He said they were technically defective.

The woman said she "jumped out of the car and ran, and he headed for Mississippi." She

ALABAMA

Attack Attempt Reported Foiled

MONTGOMERY, Jan. 30 (AP)—The State Highway Patrol said a Negro armed with a gun reportedly tried to attack a white woman near Samson today, but the woman escaped.

The patrol said there were reports that the Negro was an escaped convict but that no escape had been reported today. The Negro was clad in white clothing resembling convict garb, it was said.

The report said the Negro grabbed the woman in a building on her farm but that she broke away and ran to a neighbor's house while the Negro disappeared into a nearby woods.

Man Returned From Detroit To Face Charges Here

TWENTY-YEAR-OLD Jerry Pruitt Jones, of 817 Grasselli Boulevard, was returned from Detroit, Michigan, to Birmingham, Thursday, June 27, to be tried on rape charges in connection with the alleged criminal attack on a 15-year-old East Lake white girl.

Detectives Robert Angelo MacMurdo and Cecil Birn Golden, who brought back the suspect, said Jones had fled to Detroit shortly after a teenage white girl claimed that she was raped in her brother's East Lake apartment, March 13, 1951.

Police said Jones is suspected of entering the East Lake home and allegedly holding a knife at the girl's throat until she reportedly submitted to him.

Jones was scheduled for transfer to County Jail, last week-end, to await his trial sometime in October or November. He has already been indicted by the Grand Jury, police said.

Jones, a Negro, is wanted in Birmingham, Ala., for the alleged rape of a 14-year-old girl last March. He is being held in the Wayne County Jail at Detroit.

DETROIT ATTORNEY J. Connor Austin, who represents Jones here, had objected earlier to extradition papers filed by the State of Alabama. He said they were technically defective.



DEATH SCENE—Investigating Officer Sgt. M. H. House, examines the body of Herman McBride, 27-year-old Negro who fell to his death from the fourth floor of the Comer Bldg. yesterday.

With Police Closing In—

Comer Bldg. Girl's Attacker Dies On 3-Floor Plunge

BY DON CUMMINS

A Negro man fell to his death from the fourth floor of the Comer Bldg. yesterday after he attacked a white woman in the hall outside the offices of the John Hancock Insurance Co.

Fingerprints taken from the body by police identified the victim as Herman McBride, 27, 1125 31st-st, n, rear.

His broken body was found on the court roof of the Comer Bldg. court about 1 p.m. three stories below the John Hancock office window from which he had climbed in an attempt to escape his pursuers.

Charles O. Peake, salesman for the American Mutual Liability Insurance Co., said he

heard a scream in the fourth floor hall and rushed to determine the trouble.

He found Mrs. Caroline Gay, American Mutual employee, struggling with McBride at the door of the John Hancock office.

"The Negro had Mrs. Gay around the shoulders with his hand on her mouth," he said. "When he spotted Dudley Cotrell and me he let her go and ran into the Hancock offices."

Peake said he shut and locked the door of the Hancock offices while other went for police.

Cotrell said he saw McBride a few minutes before the attack, standing in front of the building directory on the fourth floor.

"When I heard the scream I

rushed out to join Peake and saw the Negro struggling with Mrs. Gay."

Two office workers in the Dewberry Drug office on the fourth floor, which adjoins the Hancock office, said they saw McBride climb out the window and fall to his death.

Mrs. Sarah Jordan and Mrs. Sue Mathews said he climbed out the window as if he were trying to get away.

"He hung by the window ledge by one hand and finally let go," Mrs. Jordan said.

Mrs. R. L. Seabury, secretary in the Hancock office, said everybody in her office was out to lunch at the time of the attack.

She said the man apparently went through several desks before climbing out the window.

A desk lighter belonging to the Hancock office was found on the Negro's body.

Mrs. Gay was treated by a physician for shock and sent home.

The man apparently had been drinking, according to Dr. O. L. Wilson, who maintains offices on the sixth floor.

Dr. Wilson said the man he saw in his offices several minutes before was the same man who was found dead on the court roof.

He said he found the man standing in his office and asked him what he wanted.

"I've been drinking," Wilson said the man told him. "And, I'm looking for a dentist. I've got a toothache."

Wilson said he told the man to go to the Woodward Bldg. where he could receive attention.

"He must have taken the stairs down to the fourth floor," Wilson said. "Because, when I looked around he was gone and it was too fast to take an elevator."

Witnesses said McBride apparently had been in the building for some time.

Mrs. Gay had just punched the elevator button on her way to lunch when the Negro attacked her, witnesses said.

McBride had a police record, according to investigating Officers Sgt. M. H. House and Deputy Coroner James O. Butler.

Butler said McBride's death appeared to be a suicide attempt even in view of the fact he was trying to escape pursuers.

McBride previously had been arrested and charged with grand larceny and bound over to the grand jury. The case still was pending at the time of his death.

McBride's death occurred 52 weeks from the day when John Isenhower, leaped to his death from the 14th floor of the Comer Bldg. on Tuesday July 24, 1956.

Blonde girl admits attack story false
and am a
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—A 15-year-old white girl told police last Thursday that a story she told them earlier about being raped by three colored youths was false.

The Glenn School pupil, before that the girl was she parked her car and scratched the razor blade.

HELD IN UNDISCLOSED JAIL

Housewife Attacked In Lee; Advertiser Sun. 9-22-57 Negro Suspect Shot In Hand

LOACHAPOKA, Ala., Sept. 21—

A Negro man attacked a white housewife in an attempted rape here yesterday and was shot in the hand later when he resisted arrest with a butcher knife, Lee County Sheriff Gene Lowe Jr. said tonight.

Held without bond in an undisclosed jail was Jake Allen, about 40, Loachapoka carpenter's help, charged with assault with intent to rape and resisting arrest.

Lowe said the Negro, who admitted attacking the woman, was moved from the Lee County Jail at Opelika last night because Loachapoka citizenry became "stirred up" over the incident. Loachapoka is located on State Highway 14 six miles west of Auburn and 13 miles from Opelika.

The woman, whose name was not disclosed, told Lowe she went into the post office here about noon yesterday. The Negro, identified as Allen, with whom she was acquainted, followed her outside and locked the door.

Allen attacked the mother several children and she fought with him for "about 15 minutes," the sheriff said he was told.

The woman's clothing was torn and she scratched the Negro face during the struggle; then she broke away and ran outside. Her attacker followed—at a walk—and went to his home, Lowe said.

The sheriff said he went to Allen's home early yesterday afternoon, accompanied by Deputy Robert Cunningham and a state highway patrolman.

The Negro brandished a butcher knife and said "I'm not going to be taken," Lowe said. Allen begged us to kill him."

After trying to "talk him into coming along with us," Lowe said he attempted to shoot the knife out of the Negro's hand and nicked Allen's finger once. Allen surrendered after about 30 minutes, the sheriff said.

Mrs. Gay said she began screaming and Charles Peake, a sales representative for another insurance firm, rushed into the office. He was joined by Dudley P. Cotrell, also an insurance executive.

The Negro man released Mrs. Gay and they locked him in the office, calling for police to take him into custody. Officers arrived within five minutes but the man already had fatal gun death.

Man Held In Rape of Girl, 13

CENTREVILLE, Ala.—A white

man identified as Herschel Lawley, 40, Loachapoka carpenter's help, was being held in the Bibb County jail, charged with criminal assault on a 13-year-old Negro girl.

Bibb County Sheriff C. A. Griffin said an abandoned car was found near the scene of the alleged attack. The sheriff said papers were found which identified Lawley as the wanted man.

THE TEEN-AGE girl said she and her 15-year-old girl companion were stopped by four white men on Highway 82 near the county line. The other girl escaped.

Sheriff Griffin said the names of the other three men were known but were being withheld as efforts are being made to apprehend the men, who also are from Jefferson County.

Lawley was charged with carjacking.

The girl described the attacker as being about five feet, nine inches tall, weighing about 140 pounds, of slender build.

THE GIRL told police she jerked away from her attacker and ran out the front door screaming. She said the Negro fled when she started screaming.

Police said the girl described the attacker as being about five feet, nine inches tall, weighing about 140 pounds, of slender build.

Police said the man was seen attempting to walk alone on a narrow ledge apparently trying to reach another office just before he plunged to his death.

Investigators later identified the man as Herman McBride, 27, who was free on bond while awaiting grand jury action on grand larceny charges against him.

Mrs. Carolyn Gay told officers she was waiting for an elevator when the man grabbed her and began dragging her into the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. offices.

3-Story Fall Advertiser Kills Attacker

BIRMINGHAM, July 23 (AP)—A

Negro who had grabbed a white woman fell three stories to his death while trying to escape from a downtown office in which he had been locked today.

Police said the man was seen attempting to walk alone on a narrow ledge apparently trying to reach another office just before he plunged to his death.

Investigators later identified the man as Herman McBride, 27, who was free on bond while awaiting grand jury action on grand larceny charges against him.

Mrs. Carolyn Gay told officers she was waiting for an elevator when the man grabbed her and began dragging her into the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. offices.

27h(1) 1957

ALABAMA

9188

Negro Is Suspect
In Assault

BIRMINGHAM, March 26 (UPI)—Negro Percy Lee Holman, 24, was jailed early today on charges he attempted to assault a white woman at her farm home near here.

Sheriff D. W. Snyder said Holman was picked up about midnight Monday night at the home of a relative in Winona, Miss., and admitted pulling a knife on the woman at her home and threatening to kill her if she screamed.

Snyder said Holman, who lived in a farm near the home of the victim, went to the woman's home Monday morning after her husband left and asked to borrow a saw. She told officers he grabbed her and pulled the knife when they went to a shed in the yard.

The sheriff said Holman fled when dogs in the area began barking at some cows.

Snyder, four highway patrolmen and deputies found him at the home of an aunt and the sheriff said Holman surrendered quietly.

Negro Held
Rape Suspect

At Huntsville

July 27-57

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (UPI)—Other Negro hospital worker was jailed yesterday for assault on a 16-year-old white woman.

The victim told officers she and another girl were walking toward Huntsville Saturday night after the car in which they had been riding was stuck in a ditch.

Two Negroes drove up, she said and offered a ride. They declined and one of the Negroes got out and chased her into a cotton field where the rape occurred.

BEATING REPORTED

Ex-Seaman Jailed On Charge

Of Assaulding Mobile Woman

MOBILE, Ala., May 8 (UPI)—A 25-year-old former seaman was arrested after a waitress reported she was beaten and raped near her home early today.

Horace Young, 25, Mobile, was jailed on a rape charge when he came to the court to "call out another buddy who was picked up in a fight," detectives said.

The waitress, 43, said she had met Young at a party and left with him and another man, who fell asleep on the back seat of their car. They drove to a lane on the western outskirts of Mobile and when Young made advances she jumped from the car, March 13.

She said he caught her, beat her and raped her before she could break away and hide in the woods. When they left she ran to her nearby home and called officers, she said.

Officers said the waitress' jaw was swollen and her legs were scratched.

Young was free on bond on a charge of assault with intent to murder, and maritime officials said his seamen's papers had been revoked eight months ago.

A previous hearing, Austin contended the requisition then before Michigan authorities was technically defective. It was sent back to Alabama, and the present papers then were forwarded.

Austin gave no indication of what further move, if any, he had in mind.

ALABAMA

Birmingham Rape Suspect

Fights Return From Michigan

MONTGOMERY, Ala., June 4 (UPI)—

LANSING, Mich., June 4 (UPI)—The question of whether Jerry Pruitt Jones should be extradited to Alabama to face a rape charge was referred to Michigan Gov. G. Mennen Williams following a preliminary hearing today.

Alfred B. Fitt, legal adviser to Williams, conducted the hearing and will submit a summary of the case to Williams for decision.

Jones, 21, is alleged to have assaulted a 15-year old girl in her residence in Birmingham last

March 13.

Jones, a Negro car washer, is being held in Wayne County jail at Detroit. He did not appear at the hearing.

J. Connor Austin, Detroit attorney who represented him, raised no question as to the form of the papers, that his client was the man sought or that Jones was in Alabama at the time of the alleged offense.

At a previous hearing, Austin contended the requisition then before Michigan authorities was technically defective. It was sent back to Alabama, and the present papers then were forwarded.

Austin gave no indication of what further move, if any, he had in mind.

Alabama authorities for several weeks have been seeking the return of Jones, 21, who was extradited to Michigan.

Ordinary extradition was refused on technical grounds because the papers were faulty. A preliminary hearing was conducted by Alfred B. Fitt, legal adviser to Governor G. Mennen Williams.

J. Connor Austin is representing Jones.

Records indicated that Alabama authorities had presented statements from the doctor and a party living in an

Lake apartment with other material.

The alleged rape reportedly March 13 at the teen-age girl's residence.

At Huntsville

Attack Charge

Is Dismissed

At Huntsville

</div



DEATH SCENE—Investigating Officer Sgt. M. H. House, examines the body of Herman McBride, 27-year-old Negro who fell to his death from the fourth floor of the Comer Bldg. yesterday.

With Police Closing In—

Comer Bldg. Girl's Attacker Dies On 3-Floor Plunge

BY DON CUMMINS

A Negro man fell to his death from the fourth floor of the Comer Bldg. yesterday after he had attacked a white woman in the hall outside the offices of the John Hancock Insurance Co.

Fingerprints taken from the body by police identified the victim as Herman McBride, 27, 1125 31st-st, n, rear.

His broken body was found on the court roof of the Comer Bldg. court about 1 p.m. three stories below the John Hancock office window from which he had climbed in an attempt to escape his pursuers.

Charles O. Peake, salesman for the American Mutual Liability Insurance Co., said he heard a scream in the fourth floor hall and rushed to determine the trouble.

He found Mrs. Caroline Gay, American Mutual employee, struggling with McBride at the door of the John Hancock office.

"The Negro had Mrs. Gay around the shoulders with his hand on her mouth," he said. "When he spotted Dudley Cotrell and me he let her go and ran into the Hancock offices."

Peake said he shut and locked the door of the Hancock offices while other went for police.

Cotrell said he saw McBride a few minutes before the attack, standing in front of the building directory on the fourth floor.

"When I heard the scream I rushed out to join Peake and saw the Negro struggling with Mrs. Gay."

Two office workers in the Dewberry Drug office on the fourth floor, which adjoins the Hancock office, said they saw

McBride climb out the window and fall to his death.

Mrs. Sarah Jordan and Mrs. Sue Mathews said he climbed out the window as if he were trying to get away.

"He hung by the window ledge by one hand and finally let go," Mrs. Jordan said.

Mrs. R. L. Seabury, secretary in the Hancock office, said everybody in her office was out to lunch at the time of the attack.

She said the man apparently went through several desks before climbing out the window.

A desk lighter belonging to the Hancock office was found on the Negro's body.

Mrs. Gay was treated by a physician for shock and sent home.

The man apparently had been drinking, according to Dr. O. L. Wilson, who maintains offices on the sixth floor.

Dr. Wilson said the man he saw in his office several minutes before was the same man who was found dead on the court roof.

He said he found the man standing in his office and asked him what he wanted.

"I've been drinking," Wilson said the man told him. "And, I'm looking for a dentist. I've got a toothache."

Wilson said he told the man to go to the Woodward Bldg. where he could receive attention.

"He must have taken the stairs down to the fourth floor," Wilson said. "Because, when I looked around he was gone and it was too fast to take an elevator."

Witnesses said McBride apparently had been in the building for some time.

Mrs. Gay had just punched the elevator button on her way to lunch when the Negro attacked her, witnesses said.

McBride had a police record, according to investigating Officers Sgt. M. H. House and Deputy Coroner James O. Butler.

Butler said McBride's death appeared to be a suicide attempt even in view of the fact he was trying to escape pursuers.

McBride previously had been arrested and charged with grand larceny and bound over to the grand jury. The case still was pending at the time of his death.

McBride's death occurred 52 weeks from the day when John Isenhower, leaped to his death from the 14th floor of the Comer Bldg. on Tuesday July 24, 1956.

27h(1) 1957

**Arkansas Holds
Young Alabamian
On Rape Charge**

EL DORADO, Ark., May 29 (AP)—

Police said today that K. M. Townsend, 26-year-old Alabamian, has indicated he will refuse to leave extradition to Alabama where he is charged with raping a 13-year-old girl.

Townsend is in jail here on a charge of fleeing from justice. The Citronelle, Ala., oil field worker has not met the bond of \$2,000 which was set yesterday.

At Mobile, an extradition warrant for Townsend was signed and forwarded to Gov. James E. Folsom today by General Sessions Judge Tisdale J. Touart.

Townsend, formerly of Lawson, Ark., is charged in Alabama with raping the girl at Citronelle on May 21. Asst. Chief Deputy Prosecutor James Chambers said at Citronelle yesterday that the girl told him Townsend attacked her as she was baby-sitting at her brother's house.

ARKANSAS

9189

27h(1) 1957

CALIFORNIA

9190

Rapist Wild Nature As Killer of July 23, 1957 2 Policemen

El Segundo, Calif., July 22 (AP)

Two policemen were shot and killed today after stopping a car for a minor traffic violation. *P.* Curtis was hit in the chest and killed today after stopping he leaped from the car. Also a car for a minor traffic violation on the point of death, he crawled back into the car to

The killer's car, found abandoned four blocks away, had been stolen an hour earlier by

a lover's lane rapist who took off at jumpstart from two teen-age couples after forcing a 15 year old girl to submit to his advances. Police of this and other nearby towns are searching for him. *by*

In the excitement and confusion that swept the community ringing the southern edge of Los Angeles after the double killing, police shot and critically wounded a 22 year old man who had no connection with the case.

Shot in Back

The two El Segundo policemen who were killed, Richard Phillips, 29, and Milton Curtis,

were found at an intersection that forms a boundary between El Segundo and Manhattan Beach. Phillips had been shot three times in the back. He was found dead by his partner with his partner sitting in the front seat of the police car.

Ironically, another patrol car had passed the scene less than 2 minutes before the shooting and its occupants had seen only the normal tableau of policemen giving a motorist a ticket.

The other police car was 12 blocks away when the words "send ambulance!" were gasping out of the police radio. They raced back to find the motorist gone and both officers shot. The teen-agers said he sped off in their car about 10 minutes later.

Fires at Killer

Investigators said Phillips had been shot as he was about to write the date on the traffic ticket. The mortally wounded, he fired six shots at the fleeing car before he died.

Curtis was hit in the chest and killed today after stopping he leaped from the car. Also a car for a minor traffic violation on the point of death, he crawled back into the car to

The killer's car, found aban-

doned four blocks away, had been stolen an hour earlier by a lover's lane rapist who took off at jumpstart from two teen-age couples after forcing a 15 year old girl to submit to his advances. Police of this and other nearby towns are searching for him. *by*

When the motorist, after stepping from the car, reached for his pocket, one of the officers shot him in the abdomen. He was taken to Hawthorne Community hospital in critical condition. Police identified him as Oliver Majors Jr., 22, of Lawndale. They said he was not involved in the shooting of the policemen, or in the lover's lane incident that preceded it.

Forced to Disrobe

In the lover's lane case a man confronted two teen-age couples sitting in a parked car and forced them all to disrobe under threat of death.

He ordered all except one girl back into their car, police said, and tied their hands behind their backs with strips of their clothing.

Then, officers said, he assaulted the girl who remained outside.

Later, investigators reported, he climbed back into the car, started it and forced all four teen-agers to walk naked ahead of the auto, threatening several times to run them down.

The teen-agers said he sped off in their car about 10 minutes later.

Find child dead near her school

Baltimore, Md.

By EDWARD PEEKS
and S. F. YETTE

4-20-57
Sat. 4-20-57

"It's vicious murder. The child was criminally assaulted and stabbed several times in the chest."

That's how Sgt. Michael Molinsky of the 14th Precinct described the murder of eight-year-old Valerie Denise Lee, whose nude body was found Thursday morning within 200 yards of Merritt Elementary School, 50th and Hayes St., NE, Washington.

Sgt. Molinsky spoke near the scene of the crime, within the shadow of the school and three blocks from the dead child's home at 5013 Jay St., NE. She was a second-grade pupil at the school.

1915
THE BODY was found in a shrub area near the railroad by Merritt pupils on their way to school.

The girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Lee, both 30, said Valerie was last seen at noon, Wednesday, when she came home for lunch with a girl schoolmate.

POLICE SAID preliminary investigation showed that the girl was stabbed six times in the chest. An autopsy was being performed to determine the exact cause of death.

Lt. Lawrence Harrett of the homicide squad told the AFRD the squad put 30 detectives on the case, bringing the total number to 44.

Police said there was no blood on the ground around the body. This circumstance gave rise to speculation that the child was ravished and slain, then brought where her body was found.

IN HER first-floor par-

dead girl's mother, Mrs. Blanche Lee, painfully told how she had combed her daughter's hair, dressed her for school and bade her goodbye before leaving to look for a job Wednesday morning.

"I had to go see about a job. I left about 20 minutes before nine. My husband is off on Tuesday and Wednesday, so he was here when I left. I last saw her as I was going to look for a job."

Mrs. Lee further told how she returned about 3 p.m. Wednesday, about 15 minutes before Valerie, the oldest of her three children, was due home from school.

About 3:30, Mrs. Lee's husband remarked, "You know Valerie isn't home from school yet," she said.

ABOUT THAT time, she said, a schoolmate who often calls Valerie, called by phone and asked the father if Valerie was at home.

"We didn't know that Valerie wasn't at school until the little girl called," Mrs. Lee said.

Uniformed policemen and detectives were still combing the area for clues when the Merritt school recessed for lunch.

PUPILS STREAMED down the railroad, eager for information about their dead schoolmate. Some tossed hearsay facts and wild guesses as to how and when she met with violent death.

A classmate told the teacher she saw Valerie on the Hill by Hayes St. at three o'clock," a boy said. "She was with another girl."

"SHE WAS seen with a girl and a boy," a girl put in.

"Ah, you don't know," another said.

A girl in a red coat with a hand to her mouth wanted to know, "Where did they find Valerie?"

The boy had promised to "beat her up" because she and a classmate had given a substitute teacher the name of the boy when it was requested.

POLICE REPORTED that a boy a little larger than Valerie let me know when they found her about 1 p.m. why some," Mrs. Lee said.

Valerie answered: "I'm going away," police said the boy down for a rest."



SPOT WHERE
BODY WAS FOUND

DEATH SPOT—A policeman points to the spot where eight-year-old Valerie Denise Lee, second-grade pupil, was found.

"IF THEY (police) had only looked last night, we might have saved her," Mrs. Lee said.

Mrs. Lee said that Valerie fort was a mark indicating

often brought other little children home with her when they could not find their way home time.

On the back of the card there was a notation that Valerie was developing a special interest in language, singing and leadership.

Mrs. Lee managed a hopeful smile when she spoke of the job opportunity that had taken her from her home the day before.

Merritt Elementary School, was found dead after she was criminally assaulted and stabbed six times in the chest.

arithmet; C, handwriting; B, social studies, and B, reading.

The mother clutched Valerie's school report card which ordered three periods of the

rent year's work at Merritt Elementary School.

The reports were consistent for the three periods: C in group living; B, physical development; C, personal habits; C, effort; B, language; C,

er...solved still lurking in Deanwood

2000 Quizzed as 32 Detectives Man Dragnet for Rape-Slayer of Girl, 8

By Alfred E. Lewis
Staff Reporter

Top police officials vowed yesterday to maintain one of the most diligent manhunts in District history until the rape-slayer of 8-year-old Valerie Lee is found.

The officials are convinced that the killer lives in the area being combed around the clock by 32 detectives—the Deanwood district of Northeast Washington.

Using maps, charts and indexed data collected in their searches and questioning of possible suspects, the policemen have tried to piece together clues to the identity of the sex maniac who ravished Valerie and left her nude, stabbed body in a thicket near 31st and Hayes sts. ne. 12 days ago.

The body was spotted by the engineer of an East Washington Railway Co. freight train about 40 feet away from the tracks. He notified police.

Within hours after the gruesome find, the search began under direction of Capt. Richard Felber, a 20-year veteran in the Homicide Squad which he now heads and a man who has solved many an "unsolvable" crime.

Working with him is a 20-man unit from police headquarters headed by Lt. Lawrence Hartnett, a Homicide Squad veteran of 15 years, and a 12-man force of detectives drawn from the Fifth District

and working under direction of Lt. Nunzio Bonaccorsy.

In addition, Capt. Howard F. Mowry, 14th Precinct commanding officer, said many uniformed men have voluntarily joined the search during their off-duty hours.

Up to yesterday they had interviewed 2000 persons, including 150 taken to headquarters for intensive questioning.

Officers have knocked on doors at all hours of the day and night—often after midnight, to contact people who Valerie herself had been in work at odd hours—and have volved in one of these cases, sought the right to search according to her father, Ernest Lee, 29, of 5013 Jay st. ne., a railroad car washer for the



VALERIE D. LEE
... slain girl

to solve the crime that police have not been met with a single refusal.

Officers have poked through garbage cans and checked storm drains and sewers in their quest for evidence.

Church Posts Reward

In these ways, Police Chief Robert V. Murray has said, the Police Department is "making every possible effort to bring about a rapid solution of this case. We will continue our efforts and will leave no stone unturned until the person who committed this heinous crime is apprehended and convicted."

Murray made this statement in a letter acknowledging word that the First Baptist Church of Deanwood had posted a \$200 reward offer for the apprehension of the slayer.

A by-product of the investigation is the disclosure of about a dozen sexual molestation cases in the area which never were reported to police. Investigators point to this as underscoring their plea that all such cases be reported when they occur.

Lee, 29, of 5013 Jay st. ne., a railroad car washer for the

Washington Terminal Co.

Police investigated this incident thoroughly but found that the molester, a teen-aged boy, could not possibly have been the slayer.

Half a block from where Valerie's body was found, police learned of a case where a little girl answered a knock on her door and was lured into taking a ride with the intruder. She was returned six hours later.

Molester Beaten

In still another case, the father of a girl who had been molested beat up the molester so badly he was in bed for a week. Neither the molesting nor the beating were reported to police.

Lt. John L. Sullivan, head of the Sex Squad, said the neighborhood—mainly of modern apartments and well-kept homes—has been the scene of a dozen rape cases within the past five years. All but two of these cases have been closed.

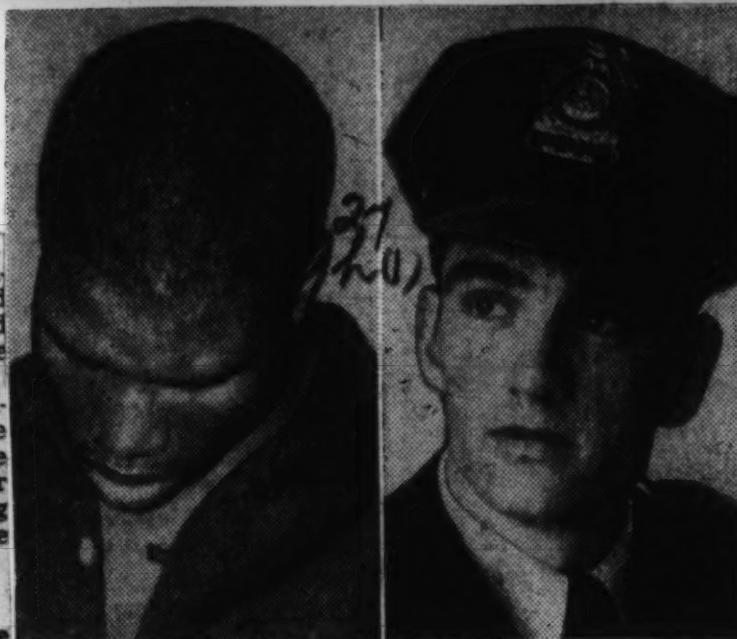
Investigators have been hunting for anybody who may have seen Valerie after she was last seen by two Merritt School classmates. One of these, 9-year-old Jeanette White, who had eaten lunch that day at Valerie's house, said Valerie was standing on a street corner crying—but she couldn't explain why.

The search for clues has led to assemblies at Merritt and the neighboring Berryville School and at junior high and high schools serving the area unturned until the person who committed this heinous crime is apprehended and convicted.

Murray made this statement in a letter acknowledging word that the First Baptist Church of Deanwood had posted a \$200 reward offer for the apprehension of the slayer.

A by-product of the investigation is the disclosure of about a dozen sexual molestation cases in the area which never were reported to police. Investigators point to this as underscoring their plea that all such cases be reported when they occur.

Lee, 29, of 5013 Jay st. ne., a railroad car washer for the



Post and Times Herald
July 23, 1957
CHARLES L. DOUGLASS PVT. HENRY TREVATHAN
... robbery suspect and policeman who tracked him

Youth Shot in Flight Held AS Assailant of Woman

Charles L. Douglass, 18, listed at 2008 Massachusetts ave. ne., Washington, D.C., was charged yesterday with the robbery and attempt to commit rape of a 37-year-old Northeast housewife. Douglass had called. Sullivan said Mrs. Ferretti told him that earlier she had seen the youth on a bicycle with blue streamers on it. The bicycle was reported stolen.

Trevathan, known to Capitol Hill area children as their friend "Hank," questioned scores of them on his own time about the stolen bike. He found a boy who said he knew who stole it. This boy led him to another who said he knew where the bicycle thief lived.

As a result Trevathan arrested Douglass' 14-year-old brother who was charged with the theft.

Sex Squad Lt. John L. Sullivan said Douglass was shot through the thigh by a pursuing policeman and suffered head cuts when he crashed through a French door in escaping. The youth treated himself at home for the injuries which he told his family he suffered in a fight, Sullivan added.

Sullivan said the arrest was the result of the alertness and wide friendship with neighborhood children of Capitol Police Pvt. Henry L. Trevathan, 24.

According to Sullivan, Mrs. Ferretti said her attacker forced his way into her apartment about 9 a. m. Monday. She said he choked her, ripped off her clothes and robbed her of \$15. Then he was frightened away by the approach of a policeman whom neighbors

Youth Indicted Leading Star On Rape Counts

July 23, 1957

A 20-year-old youth was indicted yesterday on charges of raping a 24-year-old woman on successive nights last November after breaking into her apartment in the 1100 block of West Virginia avenue N.E.

He is Rudolph H. Yates, Negro, of the 600 block of Ingraham street N.W. The complainant is white. The indictment charges the two attacks were on November 17 and 18.

Yates is accused in other counts of breaking into two other apartments and making simple assaults on two women and stealing property valued at \$78 from one of the other apartments.

A Bolling Air Force Base airman, Joseph Powell, 22, was indicted on a charge of breaking into an apartment of a 26-year-old woman last month and raping her. The complainant against Powell is a Negro.

Lorenzo Robinson, 23, Negro, of the 600 block of C street S.W., was indicted on a charge of second-degree murder. He is accused of beating a 19-year-old girl, also of the C street address, during an altercation last December 17. The victim was Jean A. Crump, Negro.

A 20-year-old woman was indicted on charges of sending an obscene and threatening letter through the mail to Assistant United States Attorney Thomas Flannery and Detective Sergt. William Elliott. She is Catherine M. Brooks, Negro, of the 400 block of M street N.W. A spokesman for the United States Attorney's Office said the woman became displeased because Mr. Flannery had dismissed a rape charge against a man in a case in which she was complainant. The dismissal was made because of insufficient evidence, the United States Attorney's Office said.

So anxious are the residents

27h(1) 1958

D.C.

9192

Death Penalty Weighed After Rape Conviction

A District man faces a possible death penalty today as a result of his conviction in nearby Maryland on a rape charge involving a 17-year-old Argentine girl now living in Southeast Washington. *Q-73-37*

A Prince Georges County Circuit Court jury deliberated only 22 minutes yesterday before returning the guilty verdict against James Roger Thompson, 26, of the 200 block of Twenty-first street N.E.

you know how it feels to almost die."

Thompson, a light-skinned colored man, was accused of attacking and beating the light bespectacled former who is white, last June 20 in a Anacostia High School student wooded area along Bright Seat road near Landover, Md.

Sentencing Postponed

Judge John Raymond Fletcher, who presided over the two-day hearing in Upper Marlboro, said that "in view of the viciousness of the offense," he was postponing sentencing pending receipt of a probation report on Thompson. He asked the county's Parole and Probation Office to get this information for him within 10 days.

Under Maryland law, penalty for a conviction on a rape charge can be death, a life sentence, or a jail term ranging from 18 months to 21 years.

State's Attorney Blair H. Smith twice had demanded the death sentence in his final arguments to the jury of 11 men and one woman. He called the crime "by far the most serious and most vicious case I have ever tried."

Testimony presented during the trial accused Thompson of picking up the girl, now 18, at the United States Employment Service office at 1724 F street N.W. about 10 a.m. on the pretext of offering her a job for his "boss."

Left for Dead

Instead, the court was told, he drove to a secluded area, ordered the girl from the car, then raped her after slapping her face and knocking her glasses to the ground. Afterward, it was testified, he choked

The girl testified her assailant then choked her into unconsciousness again and left her for dead. But she said she managed to revive and walked half a mile to a house, where county police were called.

Defense attorneys George T. Burroughs and Richard E. Painter agreed that it was an "atrocious" crime, but they based their main argument on the contention it was a case of mistaken identification.

They said the girl was so dazed she could not identify her assailant fully until a few days after the attack and had picked Thompson out on the same day at the hospital only because she was shown a police photograph of him.

9193

Fairfax Indicts 3 On Rape Charge

Washington D.C.
Three men were indicted on rape charges yesterday by a Fairfax County grand jury. *P. 3-a*

Willis Lee Groves, 24-year-old Fort Myer airman, was cited convict, was indicted on a felonious assault charge in the February 9 stabbing of Roy Miller, 41, a guard at Prison Camp 30 in Fairfax. Groves is being held in jail in Arlington County where he faces a charge of abduction.

Police said Groves forced the girl into his car in Arlington and drove to Fairfax County where he attacked her. He was arrested several weeks later when the girl spotted his car on an Arlington street while she was riding a bus.

David R. Dodson, 17, of the 100 block Baggett street, Alexandria, was indicted for the second time on a charge of raping a 17-year-old Alexandria girl last November. He is one of four youths charged with participating in the attack. Police said Furman Bradbury, Dodson previously was indicted on the charge but the indictment was voided when his certification as an adult was ruled erroneous.

Oklahoma Indicted

Donald E. Thompson, 19, of Oklahoma City was charged with statutory rape of a 15-year-old girl in Falls Church.

Thompson was one of four Oklahoma youths arrested after police said the four took two crime spree in which he and one of the girls participated in an "Indian blood marriage."

Thompson and Enoch Roach, Jr., 19, of John Roberts Homes, Alexandria were indicted on charges of aiding a fellow prisoner to escape from the Fairfax County Jail and for felonious assault on a passerby. They made a brief escape from the jail with another prisoner on February 12 but were captured before they got away from the courthouse.

Trial Set Today

Roach, one of the youths accused of attacking the Alexandria girl, is scheduled to be

tried today in Circuit Court on a rape charge.

James H. Coles, 35, of Manassas was indicted on a manslaughter charge. He was the driver of a car which killed Robert W. Hale, 13, of Nokesville, Va. Police said the boy was standing behind a car on Route 28 near Centreville when he was struck by the Coles auto.

Charles H. Cross, 26-year-old Fort Myer airman, was cited on a charge of raping a 12-year-old Arlington Government worker and model at knife point. Cross is being held in jail in Arlington County where he faces a charge of abduction.

Police said Cross forced the girl into his car in Arlington and drove to Fairfax County where he attacked her. He was arrested several weeks later when the girl spotted his car on an Arlington street while she was riding a bus.

David R. Dodson, 17, of the 100 block Baggett street, Alexandria, was indicted for the second time on a charge of raping a 17-year-old Alexandria girl last November. He is one of four youths charged with participating in the attack. Police said Furman Bradbury, Dodson previously was indicted on the charge but the indictment was voided when his certification as an adult was ruled erroneous.

The assault took place after the victim had been driven to her Palmer Park (Md.) home by friends about 2 a.m., according to Capt. Charles N. Thomsen. Her assailant stopped his car across the street, ran over to the girl, and dragged her kicking and screaming into the car, police said.

The woman escaped from the car a few blocks from her home, police said. An unidentified motorist took her to Prince Georges General Hospital, where she was treated for cuts and bruises, on the face, arms and legs.

Privates Joe Price and J. J. Magruder said they arrested Bradbury in his car while investigating the screams.

Schoolgirl, 8, Found Slain; Police Hunt Penknife Rapist

Washington D.C.
The body of an 8-year-old girl was found in a trash-littered thicket near 51st and Hayes sts. ne. yesterday. She had been stabbed eight times. A 25-man detective force joined in a search for the slayer of the child. Valerie D. Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee of 5013 Jay st. ne. She was a 2d-grade pupil at Merritt School and was a victim of a rape-murderer, police said.

Her nude body was lying on the left side atop her clothing—a blue aqua dress and pale blue sweater. Her black patent leather shoes and gray coat, covered with blood, were found nearby.

3 Blocks From Home

Police said she apparently was murdered elsewhere and her body abandoned in the thicket less than three blocks from her parents' neat 4-room basement apartment.

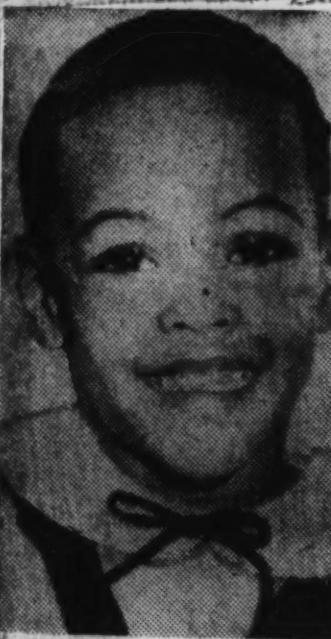
Deputy Coroner Christopher J. Murphy said she was stabbed twice in the heart, three times in the chest and once in the left side, and was cut twice about the chin with a penknife.

The child apparently was

raped and murdered shortly after she had lunch and left home at about 12:30 p.m. Wednesday to return to her school at 50th and Hayes st. ne., Dr. Murphy said.

Valerie's father, a 29-year-old car washer at the Washington Terminal Co., had reported her missing at about 5 p.m. Wednesday after one of her schoolmates called at 3:30 and told him Valerie had not shown up for her afternoon classes.

Valerie, who often brought home children who had no place to go for lunch, brought another little girl with her Wednesday. Her father, who had the day off, fixed lunch for both, police said. Her mother,



VALERIE D. LEE

Blanche, had left at about 8 a.m. to apply for a job at the Bureau of Engraving.

All-Night Search

Lee, who with his wife, relatives and neighbors, conducted an all-night search of the neighborhood, said that during the search he had walked over the exact spot where her body was found. This supports police belief that she was murdered elsewhere.

Railroad Engineer Ryland Ruble of 109 Strathmeade st., Falls Church, spotted the body at 8:50 a.m. yesterday 44 feet from the East Washington Railway Co. spur tracks.

While neighbors comforted the Lees, who have two other children, Tracy, 6, and Elaine, 3, police questioned more than a score of persons, including several with sex offense records.

Rape-Slayer Net Spreads;

Post & Times Herald
4-13-57
65 Quizzed

Washington D.C.
More than 60 persons have been brought in for questioning in a house-to-house police search for the ~~rape~~ killer of 8-year-old Valerie Lee but Homicide Squad detectives say they have no suspects.

Police have mapped the entire northeast area surrounding the isolated thicket near 51st and Hayes sts. ne. where the mutilated body was found Thursday morning.

At least 20 detectives, aided by policemen working on their own time, fanned out yesterday in a block-by-block inspection of basements, houses, garages, parked auto, wooded areas and any other spot where the girl might have been stabbed before the killer dumped her body alongside a railroad spur less than three blocks from her home at 5013 Jay st. ne.

Capt. Richard J. Felber, head of the Homicide Squad, cut short his days off to direct the search. Police said the slaying is one of the most vicious in recent years and apparently is the work of a sadistic sex killer.

Aaron Perry, 31, former District welterweight boxing champion, was sentenced yesterday to 8 to 24 years in prison on a ~~rape~~ charge. His brother, Roscoe, 36, was held for grand jury action in another rape case.

The former boxer was sentenced by Judge Richmond D. Keech for raping a 20-year-old girl Nov. 24. Perry, of 102 33d st. ne., admitted being intimate

with the girl in his car on the Soldiers' Home grounds, but she consented.

His brother, Roscoe, listed at 3400 Holmead pl. nw., was charged with raping a 28-year-old woman who came to his apartment early yesterday in search of her girl friend. The woman told police the elder Perry forced her to disrobe at knife point. He was held for action of grand jury under \$10,000 bond.

Treat Buyer Sought After Rape of Child

Post & Times Herald
4-21-57

A man seen at a church bazaar buying ice cream for a group of small children was being sought by police yesterday as a suspect in an attack on a 3-year-old girl who was lured away from the church function and raped in a woods at 16th st. and Morris rd. se.

The child was found walking from the woods about 5 p.m. Saturday by a passerby who called police. Detective George Wolfgang, of the sex squad, said an examination at D. C. General Hospital showed the little girl had been sexually assaulted.

The child's mother had reported her daughter missing from the church bazaar about 6 p.m. Saturday. Wolfgang said the youngster told police her attacker had threatened to kill her.

Several persons who attended the church bazaar at 7th and I sts. se. told police a Negro man about 53 years old had been there buying children ice cream until about 4 p.m.

Police broadcast a lookout for a man about 6 feet tall, weighing about 150 pounds and neatly dressed in khaki pants, light brown shirt and a beige cap.

Aaron Perry Jailed, Kin Held in Rape

Washington D.C.

Aaron Perry, 31, former District welterweight boxing champion, was sentenced yesterday to 8 to 24 years in prison on a ~~rape~~ charge. His brother, Roscoe, 36, was held for grand jury action in another rape case.

The former boxer was sentenced by Judge Richmond D. Keech for raping a 20-year-old girl Nov. 24. Perry, of 102 33d st. ne., admitted being intimate

Police See Card File Leading to Girl's Slayer

Mon. 5-25-57

By Tony Gleske
Staff Reporter

The search for the rape-slayer of Valerie Lee entered its sixth week yesterday with nearly a score of Metropolitan Police detectives building an ever-expanding card file they feel will eventually lead them to the killer.

The 6-year-old girl's mutilated body was found the morning after Valerie Lee April 10 slaying in a trash-littered thicket at 51st and Hayes sts. ne. Police have been without clues. Built in a special lead headquarters in the Merritt School at 50th and Hayes sts. ne., where Valerie was a second-grade student, police have three boxes filled with thousands of 3-by-3-inch index cards filled with information on persons questioned so far.

"We are confident that the investigation of the people listed on those cards will lead us to the person responsible," Deputy Police Chief Edgar E. Scott, chief of detectives, said yesterday.

The card file bears mute testimony to the hundreds of hours of an around-the-clock investigation set off by the discovery of the child's body which bore eight stab wounds. All known sex offenders living in the vicinity of the slain child's home, 5013 Jay st. ne., were questioned repeatedly and the information recorded.

The 18-man squad of detectives investigating the case often has worked for 36 hours without a break running down possible suspects, conducting room-to-room searches of neighborhood dwellings, basements and other places where the crime might have taken place, Scott said.

Although police have no suspects, Scott feels that somewhere in the voluminous card file, which constantly is being reviewed, may lie the key to the identity of the killer.

Attack in Home Injures Woman



By Norman Driscoll, Staff Photographer

CHARLOTTE FERETTI

... fights off attacker

A housewife was severely beaten and choked in her home yesterday by an assailant who fled leaving a trail of blood after a policeman fired three bullets at him.

Charlotte Feretti, 37, of 1212 East Capitol st., was admitted

suffering from shock and severe bruises and lacerations on face and neck.

The attacker smashed through the glass of a French door, jumped through a window, taking pane and screen with him, dropped 11 feet to the ground and fled down an alley.

Fifth Precinct Pvt. James E. Simmons, called by neighbors who heard Mrs. Feretti screaming, fired three shots from the window, then dropped to the ground and chased the fugitive three blocks through back alleys, but lost him.

Mrs. Feretti said she was alone in her row house about

9 a. m. when a Negro male, tall, 19 to 20 years old, rang the bell and asked her if she had any "printing or papering." He left to return shortly asking if her husband was home, then mounted a bicycle and rode away. He returned a third time, pushed his way in, seized her throat and began ripping at her clothes, Mrs. Feretti reported.

Simmons said the bicycle, identified by streamers on the handlebars, was picked up nearby at 13th st. and North Carolina ave. ne. It was identified as one stolen Friday from the 300 block of Constitution ave. ne., Simmons said.

County Man Held In Rape, Abortion

Prince Georges County Police arrested William T. Riley of 1700 Uppshur st., Bladensburg, yesterday on charges of rape, abortion and four counts of practicing medicine without a license.

Det. Sgt. Richard A. Pearson and Det. John F. Wilding arrested Riley on complaint of an 18-year-old District girl who claimed he had performed an abortion on her March 20. She reported that Riley later had picked her up in front of her home in his automobile, took her to his office and raped her at pistol point, the detectives said.

Riley is listed as a "naturopathic physician." He is being held without bond for hearing May 6 in Upper Marlboro Trial Magistrate's Court.

Say 5 boys attempted attack at Valerie's murder scene

WASHINGTON
Juvenile authorities say five Northeast boys admitted assault with intent to commit carnal knowledge on a 14-year-old girl Saturday night in a clump of bushes near the scene where Valerie Lee's body was found, April 11.

The boys, ages 13 to 16, pulled the girl into a thicket in the 400 block of 50th St., NE, and attempted unsuccessfully to rape the girl as she returned from a party with a girlfriend, the police department said.

Detective Chief Edgar E. Scott said the boys had been quizzed to establish possible connection with the rape-murder of eight-year-old Valerie Lee whose body was found in a thicket near 50th and Hayes Sts., NE, but "no connection" has been found.

WHEN THE victim returned to the scene to try to recover the radio the boys pulled her into the thicket, forcibly undressed her, and attempted to act.

She reported the incident immediately to her mother who called police.

The alleged assault is the second in as many weekends

in which juvenile authorities have been plagued by complaints of attempted rape on a minor girl.

THREE OF the five boys involved in the most recent case have previous juvenile court records.

The leader of Saturday night's alleged attack, was arrested for petit larceny in 1953, and two of the other two have two previous offenses apiece.

One of them, a 15-year-old, was placed on probation after conviction on five counts of housebreaking in 1950. All five are being held for action of the Juvenile Court.

27h(1) 1957

ACCUSED RAPIST IN SECRET JAIL

Monticello Fla.
Monticello -- A Negro sought for rape of a white housewife was arrested at his home late last Sunday and hustled off to a secret jail for safekeeping.

Sat. 3-30-57
Col. H. N. Kirkman, commander of the Florida Highway Patrol, said Albert Truelock, about 30, was captured by Sheriff J. D. Thomas and State Trooper John Bemberry after an all-day search by a posse.

21 July 1957
The housewife said her assailant broke into her home about 5:30 a. m. after her husband had left for work at a dairy. She said she was raped despite efforts to fight him off.

Monticello is 26 miles east of Tallahassee.

Negro 'Stomped' For Seizing Girl

Mon. 6-17-57
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., June 16 (UPI) -- A Negro man hugged and "held onto" a 15-year-old white girl in a bus ticket line here today, then was thrown to the floor and "stomped" by the girl's father and several bystanders.

Police said the Negro, Joe Land Bennett, 25, of Bartow, Fla., was booked for disorderly conduct and assaulting the girl, who screamed for help when she was seized.

Officers said he explained the attack with the statement: "Something just came over me."

A. C. Marshall, *Jacksonville Daily News*, radio newsman who was standing behind Bennett in line when the incident occurred, said the Negro had "almost a death hold around the little girl's waist. He did not try to fight us off or anything. He just held onto the girl and wouldn't let go."

During the few seconds she was in Bennett's grasp, the girl kept screaming, "Daddy, Daddy, help me," Marshall said.

The father, along with "six or seven others," wrestled the girl free, then beat Bennett to the floor and held him until officers arrived. The girl suffered no physical harm.

The incident occurred at the Greyhound bus terminal in downtown Jacksonville.

Negro Who Grabbed White Girl Sentenced

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., June 17
A 25-year-old Negro who grabbed a white girl around the waist in a bus station yesterday was sentenced today to 90 days in jail.

21 July 1957
Joe Land Bennett of Bartow told Judge Charles Miller, "Something came over me when he grabbed the 15-year-old girl as they stood in line to board a bus."

Bystanders had to use force to make Bennett release the girl, witnesses said.

FLORIDA

State Road 7 after a minor traffic accident.

While the accident was being investigated, a Seminole Indian who had found the two girls in the woods, brought them to the scene. Hinson was being questioned at the time.

Grigsby said the younger girl pointed out Hinson as the man who took them away in his car.

When the Indian brought the two girls to the scene, Deputy Sheriff Howard Spangler and three other men subdued Hinson, who was rushed to jail, Grigsby said.

Suspect Held In Broward Assault Case

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Aug. 18
FORT LAUDERDALE, Aug. 18 (UPI) -- Hubert Hinson, 37-year-old Dania man, was held in Broward County Jail today while law enforcement officers conferred on what charges to file against him.

Quinton V. Long, assistant state attorney, said Hinson was held on a charge of resisting arrest and probably would be charged with rape.

Ben W. Grigsby, chief criminal investigator for the sheriff's office, said Hinson was arrested last night after an 8-year-old girl and her 7-year-old sister were tricked into getting into his car while their parents were inside a bar.

Grigsby said the older child was sexually assaulted twice and forced to commit an unnatural act. She later underwent surgery at a hospital.

Grigsby gave this account:

The mother gave the children soft drinks and told them to wait in the car outside the bar. Five minutes later, the parents found the girls missing and reported it. Hinson was arrested 50 minutes later, when he was stopped on

9194

27h(1) 1957

GEORGIA

9195

STUDENT IS ASSAULTED HERE MON.

Thurs. 4-11-57

Atlanta Star

Spelman College student was
criminally attacked Monday night
as she walked toward her home
from evening classes, police report.

The 21-year-old victim was walking South on Chestnut, leaving the college campus, when she was forced into an automobile at pistol point and driven to desolate parking area at the rear of several houses on Alpine Place near Meridian Avenue, reports said.

Police are searching for two young men suspected of the crime. Det. M. W. Blackwell and M. A. Johnson quoted her as saying she asked a housewife, Mrs. Bernice Hall, 329 McDaniel St., Apt. 144, to call police after her youthful tormentors released her.

She told investigators her abductors were riding in an old model pea green Chevrolet with ragged upholstery and the glass broken out of the right rear door.

Pregnant white woman attacked by 4, Atlanta, Ga. P. 16 Police Report

SAVANNAH, Ga., Oct. 5 (UPI)—
24-year-old pregnant white woman was raped Friday night by four Negro youths, the youngest 12, Chatham County police reported.

Police Lt. O. F. Love said the woman, a tavern waitress, was booked on a drunkenness charge. He added that she is separated from her husband.

Love reported that the young Negroes, arrested about 4 a.m. by Savannah detectives, have signed a statement admitting the attack. They denied, however, the lieutenant said, a statement of the woman that she was dragged from an automobile and, after the assault, thrown into a muddy ditch.

The Negroes said she had started across a road and almost was hit by an automobile. One of them, their statement said,

helped her on across the road and the four then took her to a nearby golf course.

There, Love quoted the Negroes as admitting, that each had sexual relations with her while the others alternately held her.

Instead of being thrown into the ditch afterward, the Negroes said, she fell in.

The county officer identified one of the Negroes as Edward Brown, 17. The others, he reported, are 14, 13 and 12—all juveniles under Georgia law which bans publication of their names without court permission.

Love said that whether they will be dealt with in juvenile or criminal court will be determined in conference between juvenile officials of the two courts.

27h(1) 1957

GERMANY

9196

GI Sentenced In Rape Try

Advertiser P. 2 A
FRANKFURT, Germany, Feb. 13. (UPI)—A 21-year-old American soldier was given the maximum sentence of 25 years in prison today after he pleaded guilty to attempting to rape two German women.

Montgomery, Ala.
The sentence, which is subject to review, was imposed on Pvt. Herbert Moody, a Negro from Columbus, Miss.

No testimony was taken by the seven-man U.S. Army court martial. Attorneys for Moody and the Army agreed these were the facts in the case:

Germany
Moody was released from Army stockade on Feb. 2 after serving 30 days for failure to report for guard duty.

Without an official pass, he went into the town of Erlangen, and grabbed a woman on the street, tearing her clothes and striking her. When she screamed and a crowd gathered, Moody escaped.

Twenty-five minutes later, he accosted another German woman in the doorway of a library, but she turned on him and began choking him. He fled again.

Both women picked Moody out of a lineup and the soldier admitted the deeds and asked an early trial.

27h(1) 1957

ILLINOIS

9197

Jury frees Chicago
newspaperman of charge
of molesting girl

CHICAGO — A jury of six women and six men, after deliberating 2½ hours Thursday, acquitted Vincent T. Tubbs, nationally known newspaperman, of rape and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Tubbs, 49, at the time of his arrest on last March 16, was managing editor of Jet Magazine, took the stand in his own defense and denied that he had molested the 16-year-old blonde girl charged.

A long ~~series~~ of witnesses testified during the two and one-half days trial. The state sought to prove that Tubbs had assaulted the girl when she came to his apartment to sell him candy for a charity project.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 9

~~Admit 40 rapes~~

CHICAGO (UPI) — Police today said Walter (Spook) Montgomery, 36, has admitted 40 rapes in recent months on Chicago's South Side. ~~MONTGOMERY~~

Montgomery, a dapper, 6-foot-6-inch Negro, was arrested Sunday night. Police said he was carrying a sleek knife with a four-inch blade.

9198

Student Held to Jury in Lawrenceburg Rape

Kentucky State Senior Is Returned to Jail Without Bond In Case Involving 7-Year-Old Child.

Mar. 3 - By HUGH MORRIS
Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Lawrenceburg, Ky., March 23.—A 23-year-old senior at Kentucky State College was held to the Anderson County grand jury today, accused of raping a 7-year-old girl.

The student, Mahatma White, Chicago, is a Negro. The child is white.

White was brought here for examination by a five-car State police escort from Frankfort, where he has been in jail without bond since his arrest last Monday.

Circuit Courtroom crowd of 800 persons was admonished by County Attorney Ollie Bowen to "make no demon" just before White was arrested a short time later by Bowen into the courtroom through two Frankfort policemen.

Faces More Charges

At Frankfort, meanwhile, new counts of armed robbery and attempted rape were filed against White.

Mrs. Ralph E. Robinson, wife of the Frankfort Country Club manager, preferred the charges.

Frankfort Police Chief William C. Wash said Mrs. Robinson identified White as the man who entered her home February 15 and robbed her of about \$6 at gun point.

She said the man grabbed her but, after she broke away, fled without molesting her further.

Kentucky State Student Accused of Raping Girl, 7

Mar. 3 - 20 - 57
Frankfort, Ky., March 18 (AP)—A 23-year-old senior at Kentucky State College tonight was charged with kidnapping and raping a 7-year-old girl.

State police identified the man as Mahatma White, Chicago. He is a Negro. The child is white.

They said White allegedly picked up the child near her home at Lawrenceburg this afternoon, put her in his car, and drove to a side road be-

tween Lawrenceburg and Alton, where they said she was attacked.

The girl was found wandering along KY 35 about 4½ miles south of here by F.B.I. Agent Kyle Tackett.

State police said a doctor who examined the girl said she had been raped and that she was in satisfactory condition at her home.

White was arrested by two Frankfort policemen several hours afterward in Frankfort.

State police said the girl and her 9-year-old sister were returning home from school when a man grabbed her and drove off. They said the older sister had run ahead to a mailbox.

Police said a couple who pushed White's car on the side road when it failed to start identified him in a line-up at State Police Headquarters here. They said the girl also identified the man.

White has made no statement, police said. They added that he would be arraigned in Anderson County Court at Lawrenceburg, but when was not announced.

Kentucky Student Held On Assault

LAWRENCEBURG, Ky. — (AP)

A 23-year-old Chicago student attending Kentucky State College was indicted by an Anderson County grand jury here last week in connection with the rape of a young old white girl.

The man, Mahatma White, a senior at the college, was held without bond and returned to Franklin County jail after Judge Coleman Wright asked if he had an attorney and White refused to identify his counsel, but contended he had an attorney.

White was arrested several hours after the girl was picked up by a motorist near her home.

found a short time later wandering along the highway.

Meanwhile two state patrolmen stopped White in Frankfort after following from the highway. When they asked for his driver's license he said he had left it in his room at Kentucky State college.

While they were questioning White, the victim spied him and shouted: "That's the one."

The child testified that after she had been assaulted, her assailant could not get his car started.

The chain of evidence against White appeared stronger when a couple, Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Crask, picked him out of a lineup as the person to whom they gave an assist near the scene of the attack.

White was transported to Frankfort by a cordon of state police.

Student From Chicago Held In Rape Of Kentucky Child

LAWRENCE, Ky. — A 23-year-old Chicagoan, a senior at Kentucky State college, faces trial here on charges that he kidnapped and raped a 6-year-old white girl, and robbed and attempted to rape a housewife at gunpoint.

Mahatma White was indicted by the victim and picked out of a lineup by witnesses who placed him at the scene of the assault.

According to police, the little girl, accompanied by a seven-year-old sister were on their way home after visiting the library, when they were accosted by a man in an automobile who "hollered" something at them.

Later, police said, the car returned, and the man grabbed the younger girl who had fallen behind. The older sister aroused her mother, who sought a neighbor's aid.

State police set up roadblocks and were joined by the FBI, sheriff's police and a posse of private citizens in seeking to find the child and her abductor. The child was

Meanwhile, students and officials at Kentucky State college were stunned by the news, refusing to believe that White had committed the crime. They pointed out that he was a "B" student and president of the senior class.

He is a graduate of Corpus Christi high school in Chicago, and his mother, brother and sister are graduates of Kentucky State. His father is a Chicago postal employee.

The other charges against White were brought by a Frankfort housewife, who identified him as the person who entered her home last February, took \$5 at gunpoint, then attempted to rape her.

27h(1) 1957

LOUISIANA

9199

Rape Is Charged
Teen-Age Pair
1-23-57
Orleans parish district attorney Friday accepted rape charges against teenagers in connection with alleged attack March 19 on 21-year-old Negro woman.

Charged were Freddie Hampton, 18, 8134 N. Rocheblave, and Eddie Madison, 18, 4940 St. Both Negroes. Hampton is ebony and Madison is still at P. 16

Attorneys Charles Pinero and Peter Roselair arrested him shortly after the woman complained. Assistant district attorney James C. Garrison accepted charges.

Vigil
Held For
Doomed Youth

John Michel was denied Monday by Judge Herbert W. Chrisman in federal district court a petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed by defense attorney George Fust. The condemned man is scheduled for Friday in the electric chair for the alleged criminal conduct of a 19-year-old white woman February 10, 1953.

A certificate of probable cause which would have automatically stayed the execution pending an appeal to the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals was also denied by the attorney Fust, the condemned man's attorney, immediately appealed to the court of appeals and the court has set a hearing on the question. The hearing should not be later than Wednesday. Michel's attorneys were still with every legal means to save the doomed man.

Michel's case involves "the Louisiana moral issue" and has, in fact, received the maximum penalty for rape exclusively for Negroes accused of

assaulting white women. Records show that the last execution of a white man for rape was held in New Orleans, Aug. 9, 1907--nearly fifty years ago. Michel will be the forty-third

Court. The conviction and death sentence were upheld by the State Supreme Court on July 8, 1954. The matter was taken to the United States Supreme Court. The decision and sentence of the lower courts were affirmed Dec. 5, 1955.

Monday's hearing in U. S. District Court challenged the indictment on grounds that at the time Michel was indicted no known Negro had ever been selected to serve on the Orleans Parish grand jury.

Members of the grand jury which indicted Michel were: Roy L. Alciatore, Otto H. Armbruster, Russell L. Cuoco, John M. DeBen, foreman; Joseph L. Fournier, Louis R. Hammemann, Charles G. Justice, Noel A. Parmentel, Charles S. Potter, George J. Roussel, Jr., John B. Shober and Victor W. Vivien.

This case began Feb. 14, 1953 when two white girls had attended a carnival parade and were reportedly robbed while en route home. One was allowed to leave the scene of the robbery, reports say, while the other was forced to accompany the holdup man to a vacant lot where she was "raped."

John Michel was arrested Feb. 16, 1953; his case was allotted to Section F, Criminal Court (Judge Niels F. Hertz) on Feb. 18; he was indicted by all all-white grand jury for aggravated rape, Feb. 19; legal counsel was appointed by the Court on March 5 (Atty. Gerard H. Schreiber) and on March 6 (Atty. George Fust).

A motion to quash the indictment because Negroes were excluded from the grand jury was denied by Judge Hertz, March 9. He was tried and convicted by an all-white jury on May 28, 1953; his motion for new trial and arrest of judgement was denied July 13; Atty. Fust and Schreiber filed 41 bills of exceptions Nov. 9, 1953; the same day Michel was sentenced to death and the case was appealed to the State Supreme

was sounded by the girl who was allegedly told by Michel that she could "go home." Records also failed to show that the alleged victim resisted by fighting, screaming or crying out after the alleged attacker had released her.

Also a significant angle is that Michel, a youth of the Latin type, was described by the alleged victim and the other girl as a Negro in their first report of the incident. This has given further impetus to the belief that he was known to them previously.

Interest in the case swept over the entire city last week. An all-night prayer meeting led by Mrs. Audley Moore and Mrs. Elizabeth Watkins was sponsored by the Sons and Daughters of Ethiopia on Saturday night at 3611 Second Street.

Mrs. Moore quoted Governor Earl K. Long's secretary as saying the governor planned to do nothing to halt the execution of Michel and seven other condemned men who were sentenced during former Gov. Robert Kennon's administration.

Criminal Sheriff Louis Heyd has refused to allow newspaper reporters to visit and interview Michel.



JOHN MICHEL

Negro to be executed for the crime in the same period.

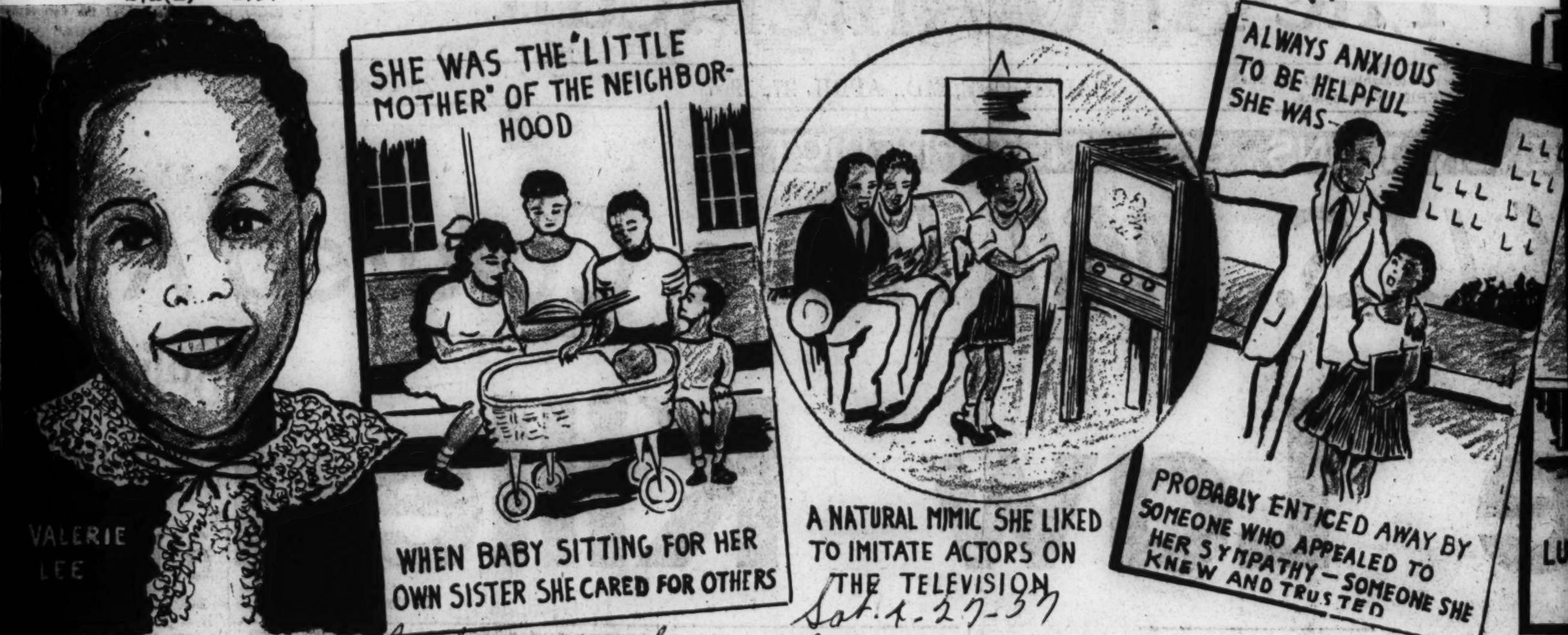
This case began Feb. 14, 1953 when two white girls had attended a carnival parade and were reportedly robbed while en route home. One was allowed to leave the scene of the robbery, reports say, while the other was forced to accompany the holdup man to a vacant lot where she was "raped."

John Michel was arrested Feb. 16, 1953; his case was allotted to Section F, Criminal Court (Judge Niels F. Hertz) on Feb. 18; he was indicted by all all-white grand jury for aggravated rape, Feb. 19; legal counsel was appointed by the Court on March 5 (Atty. Gerard H. Schreiber) and on March 6 (Atty. George Fust).

A motion to quash the indictment because Negroes were excluded from the grand jury was denied by Judge Hertz, March 9. He was tried and convicted by an all-white jury on May 28, 1953; his motion for new trial and arrest of judgement was denied July 13; Atty. Fust and Schreiber filed 41 bills of exceptions Nov. 9, 1953; the same day Michel was sentenced to death and the case was appealed to the State Supreme

Court. The conviction and death sentence were upheld by the State Supreme Court on July 8, 1954. The matter was taken to the United States Supreme Court. The decision and sentence of the lower courts were affirmed Dec. 5, 1955.

9200



VALERIE LEE

By - Spencer

Baltimore, Md.

p. 2

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD VALERIE DENISE LEE, IN LEFT PHOTO, MET DEATH AT THE HANDS OF A SEX SLAYER WHILE EN ROUTE SECTION OF MARYLAND, NEAR WASHINGTON. POLICE OFFICERS WERE HUNTING HER KILLERS OR KILLER LA

Cops Hunt Child's Slayer

At Funeral

By MARY STRATFORD

WASHINGON, D.C.

The heat is on." It was a day of sorrow at the Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church, Thursday, as mourners were constantly reminded that a killing might have been in their

memories by the dozen. The number of policemen attending the services was not disclosed, although Lt. Lawrence Hartnett of the homicide squad, readily admitted they were present.

Undercover men were spotted making calls at police boxes in the vicinity. Still others were detected signalling to uniformed police. Cruisers, from the homicide, sex and juvenile squad made up part of the funeral cortège of

approximately 50 cars. Funeral services began at 12:30 p.m. Valerie was buried at Arlington Memorial Cemetery. People arrived at the tiny neighborhood church as early as 11 a.m.

Those who could not get inside the building numbered about 100.

WOMEN STOOD outside with babies in their arms. Children sat on the lawn. Many looked involuntarily over the sloping hills toward the weeping willow. I want to see him where Valerie had been a second grade pupil; shaded their eyes to gaze at her home located in the neighborhood at 5013 Jay St., NE, or merely stared. What were the effects of the cherry blossom trees near the

was found.
Why had they come to mourn Valerie?

Speaking of it brought tears to one woman's eyes. A desire for revenge on Valerie's killer was expressed more than once as the crowd stood in the serene sunshine. One woman said:

"I didn't know her, but I read about it in the AFRO." She wept.

"I want to see the man who did it hanging from that weeping willow. I want to see him boil, not suddenly but slowly, so that his body could be known what he did."

What were the effects of the cherry blossom trees near the

area where the child's body

ACCORDING to the Rev. Mr. the Petworth Funeral Home Hewlett, the crime "shocked from 3 to 10 p.m. Wednesday and horrified the entire community by approximately 3,500 persons."

cruelty and inhumanity to man."

She was attired in her favorite colors of pink and black clothes which her mother purchased last Saturday following

"All that was hers of life was innocence and purity."

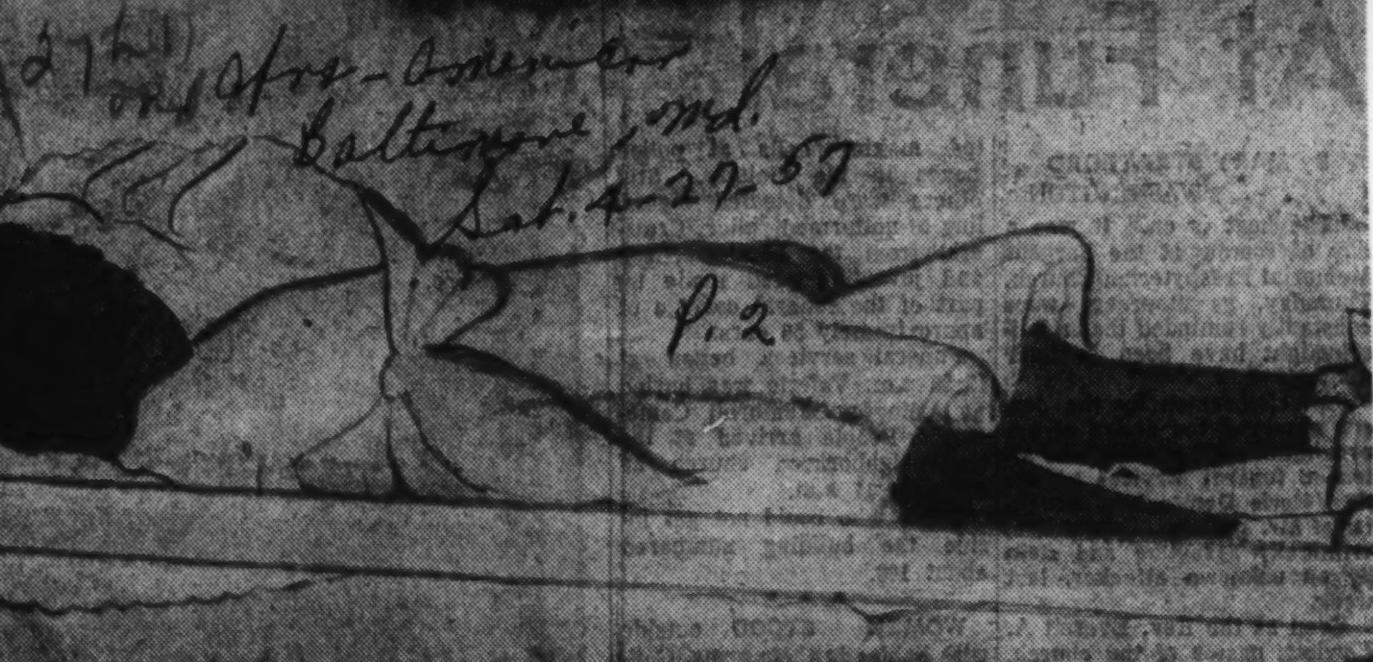
"Her's was a song of joy."

"We come here today to pay tribute to a happy little girl."

BUT IF any good has come from the act of violence, then it has been the arousing of a sense of responsibility in the community to see that this shall not happen again," the pastor declared.

"We should take positive, intelligent steps to see that it does not happen again."

Valerie's body was viewed at



VALERIE DENIS LEE, 8, as her body was viewed Wednesday at a Washington funeral parlor.

1.22.1
ad' Jard
69.197
2951
squatting br
lo totte ne
pat onli gi a
" si A:

0
M
di
ni bled
bad
pe
nail
sizing
Sawin
size
n

RED HER TO HER
DEATH

TE TO SCHOOL IN THE DEAN-
ST WEEKEND.

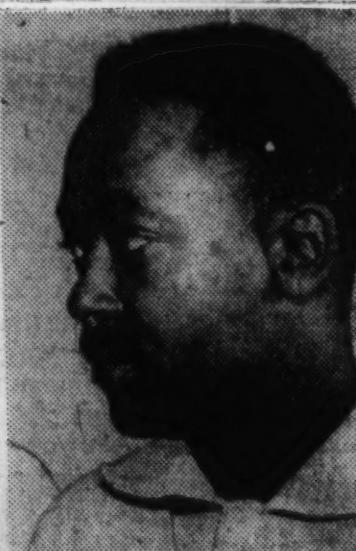
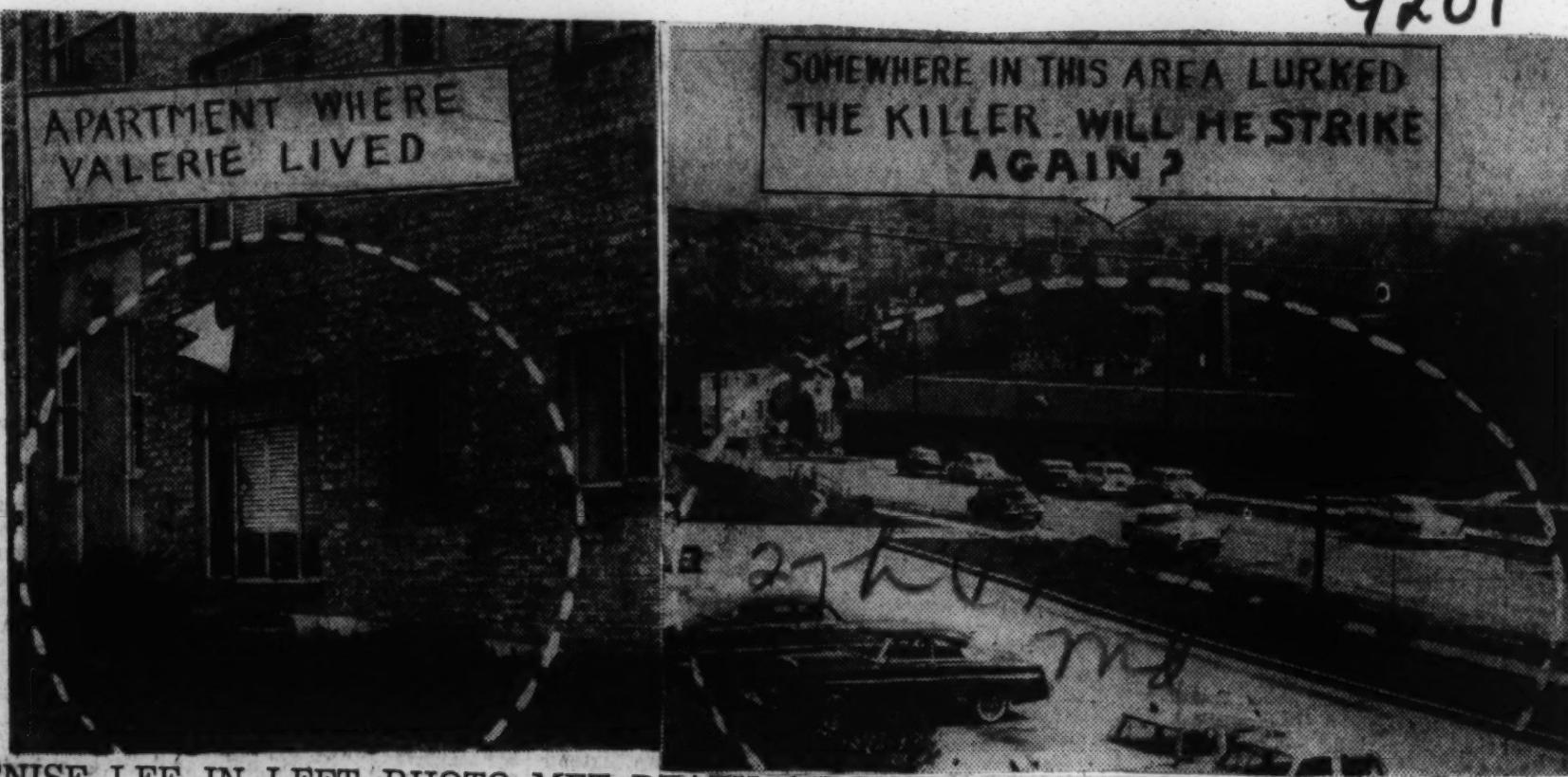
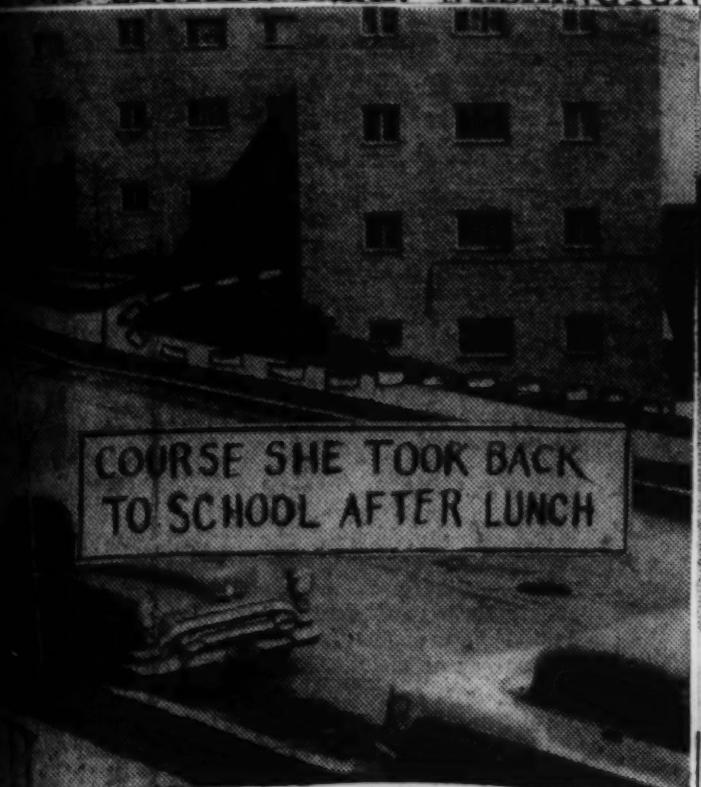
27h(1) 1957

MARYLAND

9281



EIGHT-YEAR-OLD VALERIE DENISE LEE IN LEFT PHOTO MET DEATH AT THE HANDS OF A SEX MURDERER NEAR WASHINGTON. COPS ARE STILL HUNTING HER KILLER OR KILLERS. SLAYER WHILE EN ROUTE TO SCHOOL IN THE DEAN.



VALERIE'S PARENTS—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Lee, parents of slain eight-year-old girl. They have two other children.

Valerie was the sweetheart of the whole neighborhood

Mar. 1-27-57
By RALPH MATTHEWS

WASHINGTON

"My aunt came in and looked

at me with an odd expression face a study in woe and dis-
on her face. She told me to sit down, was her 30-year-old hus-
band and I knew instinctively band, Ernest, apparently still
that she had some news about unable to believe the horror of

the tragedy which had struck his household.

On the faces of both of the parents was the unasked question for which no one had the answer—Why?

On the sofa in the first-floor apartment lay the book of jingles which the little victim had been reading just before she left the house after lunch.

The title of the book was "Day By Day." The child tried to memorize a little poem each day. Pencil marks showed she was halfway through the book.

my little girl. Y. 4
"I thought she was going to tell me that she had been hurt, that she was in an accident or something. We had been searching for her all night without success.
"Then she told me the horrible truth. My Valerie was dead. They had found her body beside the railroad tracks, a short distance from our home."

THUS MRS. LEE, 5013 Jay St., NE, described how she received the first news of the rape-slaying of her eight-year-old daughter, Valerie, whose lifeless body was found in a lump of woods by school children en route to school, last Thursday morning.

Standing in abject silence, his

THE TITLE, "Day by Day," had been important in the life of Valerie, because in addition to the book, she had learned a song by the same name, which had been featured on a recent television show by the singer, "Little Miss Muffet."

Valerie had not only learned the words, but as was her practice, she had learned to mimic all the gestures of the singer.

"She was a great little mimic," her mother explained, "and was ever-ready to take part in a play or concert where she could utilize her talents."

Her ambition was to become a dancer. But this, too, came

naturally. Before her marriage of a child to this spot without her mother, too, had a flare for being seen by someone when the nearest group of houses is

the artistic.
She was a member of a dance-less than 100 feet away? Also, group, directed by Albert Grayson, which frequently appeared at the Howard Theatre to and from the stores, night in productions of the New Face clubs and other establishments Guild, sponsored by the AFRO- in the community.

AMERICAN.

* * *
IN ADDITION to being a little performer in her own right by which she helped to entertain the youngsters of the section, little Valerie was both the sweetheart and the little mother of the neighborhood.

When she was called to babysit for her own three-year-old sister, Aleane, she would round up other youngsters and look after them as well.

She was a friendly little tyke and made friends all over the neighborhood, always anxious and willing to perform some chore or run an errand for some hard-pressed mother.

Valerie was not a precocious child. She possessed none of the timidity found in some children. She was alert and willing to talk or chat with anybody.

Because she was a friendly child she accepted everybody on a friendly basis. It was perhaps this attitude toward society which led to her destruction.

* * *
SOMEONE WITH a smiling face and pleasant voice accosted her as she was en route to school and lured her to her death.

That it was someone she knew, police have no doubt, because the brutal way in which she was stabbed revealed that her assailant, having satisfied his sexual desires was bent only on making it impossible for her to reveal his identity.

Police are also convinced that the attack occurred somewhere right in the immediate vicinity and that the attacker did not possess an automobile.

Two facts point to this. First, if the culprit had lured the child into an automobile, both the assault and the subsequent slaying would have occurred in some other section of the city.

Second, the spot where the body was found was inaccessible to automobile traffic.

* * *
THE BODY had to be carried there by hand. That is what adds to the mystery. How could a person have carried the body

awakened to find a barefoot man armed with a butcher knife standing beside her bed. She said he threatened to kill her if she did not submit to him.

After the attack, the man took \$11 from her purse and fled, she said.

Her sons, 10 and 12 years old, were asleep in another room, Chief Wade said. The woman's husband had already left for work.

Patrolman Wallace Golejewski, after hearing the description she gave recalled recently seeing a colored man fitting it at a house about a half mile away.

the attention of police while she was being questioned about the disappearance of Sharon.

* * *
SHARON IS the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pugh of 825 Abbott Court in the Latrobe Housing Project. She disappeared from her home on June 18 and was missing for four days.

Neighbors told police the child was seen going to a grocery store with a girl known as Barbara.

On Friday, police found both girls in the E. Monument St. home of James Ballard, 30, charged with carnal knowledge and released in bail of \$2,000 Monday.

He admitted that when Barbara came to his home looking for a place to stay she said that Sharon was her child.

Barbara told police that while in the Ballard home she was assaulted twice, and that he gave her and the little girl \$1 a day for food.

Sharon, she stated, was never harmed.

Ballard admitted that he had been intimate with the teenager because "she urged it on, and because I thought she was 18."

Mr. Ballard is married and the father of three. His wife expects another baby.

THAT IS why police are making a room-by-room canvass of houses, garages, and outhouses throughout the neighborhood.

They feel certain that somewhere in the immediate area they will find evidences of blood which will establish the scene of the crime and eventually lead to the killer.

In the meantime, the once quiet and peaceful Deanwood section lives in a grip of terror. Children are kept in off the streets. Neighbors talk in hushed whispers. Everyone is tense and alert.

In the taverns patrons keep their ears peeled for some unguarded word from a liquor-loosened tongue when the crime is being discussed.

Some person may know too much."

Police Seize
Star 7-26-57
Suspect in
Fri. 7-26-57
Rape Case

GLEN BURNIE, Md., July 26

21-year-old barefoot abductor, found hiding in a cupboard of his home, was arrested yesterday five hours after a 31-year-old mother old police she was raped.

Wilbur C. Wade, chief of Anne Arundel County police, said the woman identified the abductor as her assailant.

The man was held for questioning.

The woman told police she

Barbara
from - momos
fingers' Baltimore, Md.
2nd man

Sat. 7-26-57

BALTIMORE
For the second time within a week, a mild-mannered little girl just turned 14 charged a married man with rape Wednesday afternoon in Northeastern Police Court.

A key figure in the disappearance of four-year-old Sharon Pugh a week ago, the girl, known as Barbara testified that she was criminally assaulted a week before she appeared at the home of another man asking for a place to stay.

In her latest appearance before Magistrate Simon Schonfield, the meek little Babs cast a fleeting glance at Lonnie (John) Shields Jr., 27, of the 700 block N. Eden St., and identified him as the man who abducted her on June 12th.

THE ACCUSED man termed the accusation "a lie." He was ordered held without bail pending action of the grand jury.

A tall, angular man, Mr. Shields is an unemployed father of two. He was recently released from the House of Correction after serving 14 months for non-support, police said.

His alleged association with the young girl was brought to

27h(1)

1957

Hearing Set Assault Case

COLUMBUS, Miss., Jan. 3. (UPI)—John Cabiness, 39, was held by police today on charges of assault and battery and attempted sodomy against an elderly white woman on a deserted road seven miles west of here.

The victim, Mrs. Lula Sanders, 63, told officers she accepted a ride home from Cabiness at a night spot but he carried her instead to a sideroad and attacked her. The woman claims she was forced to walk nude for two miles in near-freezing weather after he stripped off her clothing and beat her.

Sheriff Robert Jernigan said the woman's body was covered with bruises and scratches. He arrested Cabiness at a Columbus bus station shortly after the incident was reported.

Jernigan said Cabiness was making a long distance telephone call when taken into custody and denied the woman's charges. Her clothes were later found in the car which Cabiness had borrowed from a friend to take her home.

Mrs. Sanders was treated for exposure and shock. A Justice of the Peace hearing was set for Cabiness Monday.

BROOKHAVEN DOORS BEING KEPT BOLTED

Commercial Appeal
Little Progress Made In

Search For Attacker

Wed. 2-6-57

NEGROES OFFER TO HELP

Memphis, Tenn.

By the United Press

BROOKHAVEN, Miss., Feb. 5.—Residents "stirred up" by a series of attacks on white women bolted their doors and kept firearms handy Tuesday night while state and local authorities searched for a mysterious assailant who has been dubbed "the Mumbler."

Highway patrolmen and Lincoln County authorities continued to question and fingerprint dozens of Negro suspects but Sheriff C. E. Smith admitted, "We have nothing in the way of leads."

Sheriff Not Alarmed

Sheriff Smith said he was not alarmed by gangs of white men who roamed the city following the last incident Monday night. He said he could call on the National Guard if necessary to maintain order.

"I believe things are pretty well under control," Sheriff Smith said. "The people in those crowds who gathered Monday night were trying to help in the search."

"People are stirred up. Housewives are frightened and are keeping their doors locked. Men have armed themselves for protection."

Residents termed the attacker "the Mumbler" because all of the victims reported he only mumbled after confronting them.

Monday night, a 55-year-old white housewife, Mrs. Clarence Case, surprised a Negro in her kitchen. She screamed and aroused her husband and the intruder fled through the back door.

Sunday, one woman was stabbed in her kitchen and another was seized on the street. A few weeks ago a housewife was assaulted in her home and another woman attacked in her car.

Pattern Similar

Police think the attacks are the work of the same person. All five cases followed a similar pattern with the attacker either choking his victim or brandishing a knife. No attempt at robbery has been made.

The three recent victims gave the same general description. They said he was "very dark," was about 5 feet 8 inches tall, and weighed about 160 to 170 pounds.

Negroes have kept a self-imposed curfew since the attacks Sunday stirred public feeling. One Negro group offered help in capturing the intruder.

MUMBLER CHARGED IN CASES OF ASSAULT

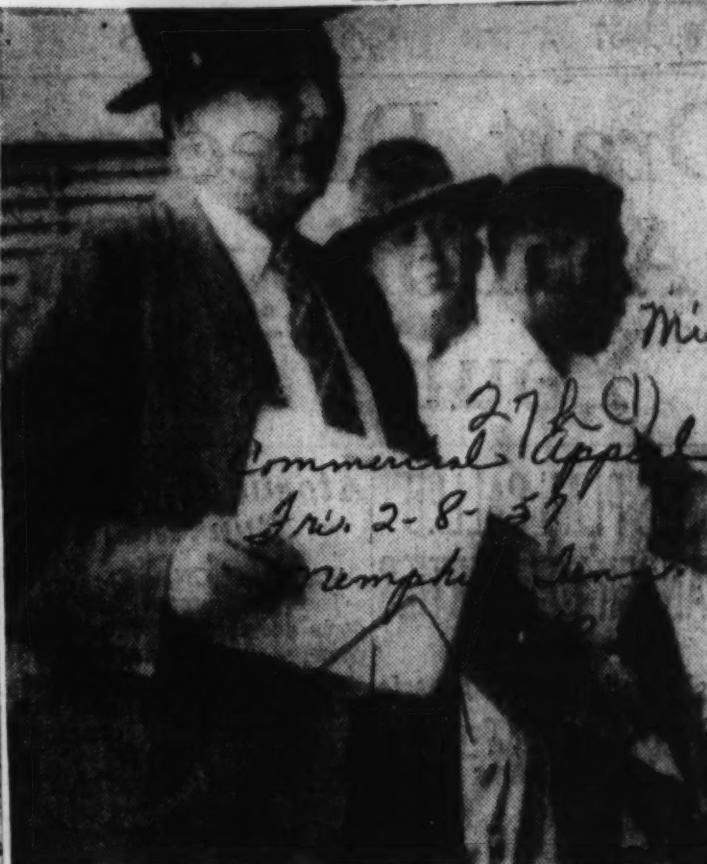
Commercial Appeal

Brookhaven Negro Facing

Trial For 3 Attacks

BROOKHAVEN, Miss., Feb. 8. (AP)—Dist. Atty. Mike Carr said Friday he filed two charges of rape and one of attempted rape against J. C. Cameron, a

MISSISSIPPI



27h(1)
Commercial Appeal
Jan. 2-8-57
Memphis, Tenn.

JAILED AS 'MUMBLER'—Flanked by officers, Negro J. C. Cameron of Brookhaven, Miss., was jailed yesterday and accused of being the "mumbling" Negro responsible for attacks on several white women in Brookhaven. Highway Patrol officers Sam Ivy (left) and Gwen Cole transferred Cameron from Brookhaven to Jackson after his arrest.

The charges carry a maximum penalty of death. Cameron, a service station operator, said he attacked the women because of uncontrollable urges.

Carr said he also filed charges of accessory after the fact against Cameron's wife, "because she burned his bloody shirt," Cameron's aunt, Minnie Lee Demise, "because she gave his knife to Lillie Walker," and Lillie Walker, a Negro preacher who hid the weapon.

Officers said one of Cameron's victims was stabbed.

All of the charges were filed with Justice of the Peace George Guess, Carr said.

Cameron, in an undisclosed jail, was arrested after officers found his fingerprints matched those found at the scene of one of the rapes. Cameron was fingerprinted during routine questioning earlier this week.

9202

Negro Seized At Brookhaven Commercial Appeal Admits Assaults Of Women

Fri. 2-8-57 The Commercial Appeal
Memphis, Tenn.
JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 7.—A Negro man Thursday was arrested with the aid of one fingerprint as the mysterious "mumbler" of Brookhaven, Miss., and police said he admitted a series of attacks on white women.

J. C. Cameron, 21, a quiet-spoken service station attendant, readily admitted, officers said, that he criminally assaulted one housewife, attempted to assault a nurse and stabbed another white woman in the city of 8,000 population 54 miles south of Jackson.

He was picked up at the Brookhaven service station where he was known as a "good worker" and was moved immediately to Jackson for further questioning. Formal charges have not been filed.

Denies Two Attacks

Cameron denied two other attacks in the series that plunged Brookhaven into a city of terror. White women would not venture out alone, men armed themselves and more than \$1,000 in reward money was offered after three attacks Sunday and Monday.

He was picked up Sunday and again Wednesday night for questioning, fingerprinted and released.

Thursday, Highway Patrol identification bureau chief Sam Ivy made his customary check of fingerprints and found the one print lifted from the scene of the assault of a housewife last Dec. 18 matched Cameron's. The slender Negro, dubbed the "mumbler" because of his incoherent talk when he approached his victims, said he waited for two hours in the bathroom of his victim last Dec. 18, until she returned home.

Cameron claimed he criminally assaulted the woman although she denied it.

Enjoys Attention

He also admitted seizing a white nurse in her car Sunday morning at a Brookhaven hospital and stabbing Mrs. Eddy Johnson Sunday night when she struggled with him when she surprised him in the kitchen of her home.

Cameron said he stabbed Mrs. Johnson in the throat because he was "afraid she could identify me."

He denied he confronted another housewife Monday night and a similar attempt when a white woman drove up to a Negro housing project to pick up her maid.

Several times during question-

Mississippi Roundup—

Post-Herald

Brookhaven 'In Arms' After Attack

Wed. 2-6-57

BROOKHAVEN, Feb. 5 (UPI)—Residents, "stirred up" by a series of attacks on white women bolted their doors and kept firearms handy tonight while state and local authorities searched for a mysterious assailant called "The Mumbler."

Highway Patrolmen and Lincoln County authorities continued to question and fingerprint scores of Negro suspects, but Sheriff C. E. Smith admitted we have nothing in the way of leads today.

Smith said he was not alarmed by gangs of white men who roamed the city following the last incident Monday night. He said he could call on the National Guard if needed to maintain order.

Miss
I believe things are pretty well under control," Smith said. "The people in those crowds who gathered last night were trying to help in the search."

"People are stirred up. Housewives are frightened and are keeping their doors locked. Men have armed themselves for protection."

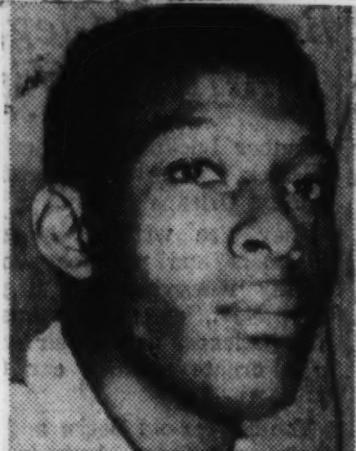
Residents termed the attacker "The Mumbler" because all of the victims reported he mumbled incoherently after confronting them.

Monday night, a 55-year-old white housewife, Mrs. Clarence Case, surprised a Negro holding what she thought was a knife in her kitchen. She screamed and roused her husband and the intruder fled through the back door.

Sunday, one woman was stabbed in her kitchen and another was seized on the street. A few weeks ago a housewife was criminally attacked in her home and another woman was attacked in her car.

Police think the attacks are the work of the same person. All five cases followed a similar pattern with the attacker either choking his victim or brandishing a knife. No attempt at robbery has been made.

Negroes have kept a self-imposed curfew since the attacks stirred public feeling. One Negro group offered help in apprehending the intruder.



Associated Press WIREPHOTO.
J. C. CAMERON

Times Picayune RAPE CHARGES FILED IN MISS.

Sat. 2-9-57
Brookhaven Suspect,
Others Implicated

New Orleans, La.
BROOKHAVEN, Miss., Feb. 8

(UPI)—Dist. Atty. Mike Carr said Friday he filed two charges of rape and one of attempted rape against a 21-year-old Negro who reportedly admitted attacking three white women in the last two months.

The charges, which carry a maximum penalty of death in Mississippi, as a member, were filed against J. C. Cameron, a slender but broad-shouldered service station operator who said he attacked the women because of uncontrollable urges.

Carr said he also filed charges of accessory after the fact against Mrs. Cameron, "because she burned his bloody shirt." Cameron's aunt, Minnie Lee Demise, "because she gave his knife to Lillie Walker," and Lillie Walker, a Negro preacher who hid the weapon.

Officers said one of Cameron's victims was stabbed.

All charges were filed with Justice of the Peace George Guess, Carr said.

Cameron, in an undisclosed jail, was arrested after officers found his fingerprints matched those found at the scene of one of the rapes. Cameron was fingerprinted during routine questioning earlier this week.

Mississippi Roundup

Attack Suspect Sighted, But Escapes In Woods

PITTSBORO, Aug. 29 (UPI)—A posse seeking a Negro accused of criminally attacking a 60-year-old white woman, today flushed a man answering his description but he fled in the thick woods.

Sheriff's deputies said they jumped the Negro near the Monroe Willis farm, 12 miles west of here, but he disappeared.

Deputy Sheriff Carter said he believed he wounded the man, identified as Vernon Armstrong, when the man broke away from arresting officers yesterday.

Carter said he and Calhoun County Sheriff W. J. Shoemaker arrested the 32-year-old Armstrong on the Willis farm where he worked.

When I reached into my pocket to get the handcuffs, Carter said, "Armstrong broke and ran. The sheriff fired at him. When he kept running, I fired at him and he fell but got up again."

I think he's wounded." Armstrong was arrested after a white woman told officers he had attacked her the previous Sunday. She said she did not tell her husband immediately because she feared causing trouble.

Officers said bloodhounds traced him to the brushy bottom lands of the Skuna River yesterday but lost the trail.

About four dozen volunteers carrying assorted firearms joined a posse in the search.

Board wanted the students to attend a school at Burns in Smith County, 11 miles from Polkville.

Mississippi Daily Journal
Negro Youth Held
On Five Counts

BROOKHAVEN, Miss., Sept. 4—J. C. Cameron, 21-year-old Negro accused of a series of attacks on white women which turned this town into an armed camp early this year, has been indicted on several counts, court officials said today.

Two counts of rape, one of as-

sault with intent to rape, one of assault and one of robbery were returned against the slender, broad-shouldered service station attendant.

Cameron had been dubbed "The Mumbler" because his victims said he mumbled during the attacks. No date was set for his arraignment.

Cameron has been held in the Hinds County jail at Jackson except for a period during which he underwent a mental examination at Whitfield State Mental hospital.

Cameron was arrested on the basis of fingerprints found at the scene of one of the attacks.

The attack victims included one housewife whose throat was cut. She recovered.

Memphis Press
NEGRO FARM WORKER
HUNTED FOR ASSAULT

White Woman, 60, Claims

She Was Attacked

PITTSBORO, Miss., Aug. 28.—(UPI)—The state Highway Patrol Wednesday brought in bloodhounds to aid in the search for a Negro farm worker who

escaped from officers who were attempting to arrest him on a charge of criminally assaulting a white woman.

The woman, about 60, told Sheriff W. J. Shoemake Wednesday she was assaulted by Vernon Alexander, about 30, in her home Sunday afternoon. Sheriff Shoemake and a deputy went to a farm near here where Alexander worked and found him in a pea patch.

They took a knife from him and were preparing to handcuff him when he bolted and ran.

The woman told Sheriff Shoemake she did not report the alleged attack sooner because she was afraid to tell her hus-

band and cause "some bad trouble."

Sheriff Shoemake said the search would continue through the night. He said that it is believed that the Negro was making his way to the home of his brother at Coffeeville in Yalobusha County. At Greenwood, the Mississippi Highway Patrol reported that more than 20 units were participating in the search.

morning.

The Negro, named by a 60-year old woman in a complaint made before Justice of the Peace W. S. Malone, had been taken into custody by Sheriff W. J. Shoemake shortly after 8:30 o'clock, it was reported. He escaped while being brought to the jail here, and disappeared into thick woods.

The rape was said to have taken place Sunday afternoon at the woman's home while her husband was away from the house.

In Jackson, Bill Hood of the Highway Patrol said calls for aid in the search had been received from Sheriff Shoemake and all available patrolmen were being concentrated in the area, and bloodhounds had been ordered from Parchman to take up the trail.

Hood said the patrol had been informed the attack occurred Wednesday morning.

Circuit Judge Tom Brady yesterday postponed the trial date for Duroa Duncan of Tylertown to permit subpoena of a Negro witness. However, Judge Brady said the trial would begin Monday whether or not Marvin Williams appeared.

Deputy Sheriff Stanley Boyd told the court yesterday Williams was working out of town and was unavailable.

Duncan's first trial, last March, ended in a mistrial and he was returned to Pike County Jail where he has been since his arrest shortly after the girl was kidnapped from her home and assaulted in the swamps in May, 1956.

Duncan was arrested with his cousin, Olen, 22, also of Tylertown, and their companion Ernest Dillon, 30, of McComb, and his 45-year old brother Ollie, of Tylertown.

Ernest Dillon was sentenced to 20 years; Olen Duncan was acquitted, and Ollie Dillon was committed to Mississippi State (Mental) Hospital at Whitfield.

Memphis Daily News
Aged Calhoun
Woman Claims
Raped By Negro

Mississippi Daily Journal
Search for an alleged Negro rapist who escaped from a Calhoun county sheriff's posse early Wednesday was being intensified with the aid of Highway Patrol officers and bloodhounds, reports from the Campground neighborhood, 12 miles west of here, said at mid-

27h(1)

1957

2 NEGRO FARM HANDS DENY ENTERING HOME

Commercial Appeal
Nude Man Was Frightened

From White Girl's Bed

Sues. 2-25-57
COLUMBIA, Miss., Feb. 25.—(UP)—Two Negro farmhands denied Monday one of them slipped into a rural home, stripped naked and crawled into bed beside a teenage white girl who routed the intruder with screams.

J. C. McGowan, 21, and A. B. Bullock, 32, were rounded up by a manhunt in rural Walthall and Marion Counties for questioning about the incident at a farm house early Sunday. McGowan contended here that Bullock entered the home while he waited outside.

In Tylertown, however, Deputy Sheriff Ernest Smith said McGowan confessed to the crime to his landlord Sunday night. The two were questioned further in Columbia about the incident by Dist. Atty. Vernon Broome, who said late Monday charges were not expected to be filed before Tuesday.

Bullock claimed he was "in church" when the incident occurred about 2 a.m. Sunday.

McGowan said he was walking along a country road near here when a carload of Negroes pulled up and Bullock got out and accompanied him past the white farmer's house where they decided to enter. McGowan, jailed Sunday night, said Bullock slipped inside by tearing a window screen.

The 14-year-old girl said she awoke when a nude Negro man, lying in bed beside her, pulled on her shoulder.

Her screams brought her father to the room with a gun. The father said the Negro jumped out the window and fled, still nude.

Bloodhounds lost the trail a few miles from the home.

Bullock was arrested at his home in Walthall County Monday after he was implicated by McGowah.

Commercial Appeal
Man Flees From Bed Of White Girl 14

LERTOWN, Miss., Feb. 24.
(P)—A medium-built Negro from the home of a Walthall

city farmer early Sunday morning crawled nude into the bed the farmer's 14-year-old daughter. *Mem. 2-25-57* The farmer said he heard his daughter scream about 2 a.m., grabbed a gun. He said a nude Negro jumped from her bed and went out a window.

A statewide alarm was out for the Negro. Bloodhounds from Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola were put on footprints beneath the window and followed them to a road several miles away where they lost the track.

Deputy Sheriff S. E. Jernigan said the girl reported she awoke when the Negro pulled on her shoulder.

Commercial Appeal P. 15
NEGRO TRACKED DOWN IN NESHOBIA ASSAULT

White Woman Says She Was Held Captive 6 Hours
Mon. 7-1-57
FEELING RUNS HIGH
Memphis Tenn.
By FRED McEACHIN
Special to The Commercial Appeal

PHILADELPHIA, Miss., June 30.—A Neshoba County Negro sought for the criminal assault of a white woman near here Saturday afternoon was arrested at Itta Bena Sunday.

Neshoba County Sheriff George W. Herrington identified the assault victim as the 30-year-old wife of a former teacher of the Linwood community near here.

Three Are In Custody

The sheriff identified her attacker as Bish Nash, 32-year-old Negro who lives two miles west of Linwood. Two other Negroes, Bill Burkes, 28, and John Robert Nash, 18, are in Neshoba County Jail for questioning in connection with the incident.

It was reported the assault victim was held captive by Nash about six hours after her auto skidded into a ditch near the Negro's home. She told authorities Nash assaulted her twice during this period.

She said Nash helped get the car out of the ditch and then forced her to ride with him over rural roads from about 1 p.m. Saturday until 7 p.m.

A physician said there was positive evidence she had been assaulted. She was suffering

MISSISSIPPI

from severe shock and fright, he said.

An unidentified resident of the community saw the car parked on a gravel road, and when he stopped to investigate Nash jumped out and ran.

Arrested After Tip

Sheriff Herrington received a tip Sunday morning that Nash had fled to Itta Bena. Leflore County Sheriff Charles W. Lee made the arrest.

Sheriff Herrington said he would probably transfer Nash from the Leflore County Jail to an undisclosed jail because of the high feeling in Neshoba County.

As an aftermath to the attack, Bish Nash's home was burned to the ground before dawn Sunday.

Daily News
Negro Indicted On Rape Charge

Wed. 7-31-57
By Hinds Jury
Jackson Miss.

Jackson Negro who recently was released from the state penitentiary after serving a year for rape was indicted again on another rape charge here Monday.

Carsay Hall, Jr., the son of a Jackson postman and NAACP leader, was indicted by a Hinds County grand jury on a charge of raping a Negro girl.

The grand jury returned eighteen other indictments Monday.

Those indicted included Percy Luster, burglary and larceny; Henry Lee Cook, three counts of burglary and larceny; Frances Ruth Herring, murder; and James Ward, Jr., five counts of burglary and larceny.

Commercial Appeal
Negro Farm Hand Admits Violating 10-Year-Old Girl

COLUMBUS, Miss. (Special) Grady Neal, 35, Pickens County, Ala., Negro farm hand, pleaded guilty Thursday to "violating the person" of a 10-year-old Negro girl. Peace Justice T. H. Cone said.

Cone said Neal allegedly molested the daughter of a Negro woman with whom he was staying July

14. He said an examination showed the child had not been raped. Cone said he received a 13-month, 29-day county term sentence and fined him \$10 on the charge. He said he sentenced the Negro to 30 days on a vagrancy charge which he also pleaded guilty.

RAPIST SUSPECT AGAIN ESCAPES

James Penney
Man Flushed from Pitts-
boro Woods, Flees

PITTSBORO, Miss., Aug. 29

(P)—A posse seeking a Negro accused of raping a 60-year-old white woman Thursday flushed a man answering his description, but he fled in the thick woods.

Sheriff's deputies said they jumped a Negro man near the Monroe Willis farm 12 miles west of here but he disappeared.

Deputy Sheriff Grover L. Carter said he believed he wounded the man, identified as Vernon Armstrong, when he broke away from arresting officers Wednesday.

Carter said he and Calhoun county Sheriff W. J. Shoemaker arrested the 32-year-old man on the Willis farm where he worked.

"When I reached into my pocket to get the handcuffs," Carter said, "Armstrong broke and ran. The sheriff fired at him. When he kept running, I fired at him and he fell but got up again."

"I think he's wounded."

Armstrong was arrested after a white woman told officers he had raped her the previous Sunday. She said she did not tell her husband immediately because she feared causing trouble.

Officers said bloodhounds trailed him to the brushy bottomlands of the Skuna river Wednesday but lost the trail.

About four dozen volunteers carrying assorted firearms joined the posse in the search.

9203

BROOKHAVEN NEGRO WILL GO ON TRIAL

Memphis Tenn.
Case Probably Will Begin

Late This Week

Brookhaven, Miss.

BROOKHAVEN, Miss. (UP)—(AP)—J. C. Cameron, young Negro accused of a series of attacks on white women which turned Brookhaven into an armed camp last February, probably will go on trial Thursday or Friday.

Defense attorneys requested a weekend recess of the trial Saturday following testimony from several state witnesses.

The black Negro service station attendant is charged on nine indictments accusing him of being the attacker who terrorized Brookhaven last winter with a series of attacks on white women.

Cameron faces a possible death sentence if convicted.

The Negro attacker was dubbed the "Mumbler" during the series of attacks because of his habit of talking incoherently to his victims.

Court appointed defense attorneys are Emmett Allen and Jimmy Noble, both of Brookhaven.

Negro Man Held For Corn Crib Rape Of Child

MACON, Miss. (UP)—Negro Rodell Smith, 37, faced charges Friday of raping a four-year-old Negro girl in a cotton crib at her home near Brooksville.

Sheriff Emmett Farrar said Smith signed a statement in the case. He was given a lie detector test at Jackson Thursday.

Officers said the Negro was arrested Sunday following the alleged attack in a cotton crib at the child's home. Four other children, ranging from one to ten years, were at the house at the time.

Mississippi Roundup

Negro Worker, Charged In Attack On White Woman, 60, Surrenders

PITTSBORO, Sept. 2 (U.P.) — *Last - Denial from Ala.* the state's effort to force a recall election against Prentiss County Sheriff George W. Rutherford Jr. but further delays are probable.

Sheriff W. J. Shoemake said Armstrong, about 30, surrendered at the home of a brother whom he sent to inform the sheriff of his whereabouts.

Meanwhile, Shoemake said the 60-year-old alleged victim changed her story and told officers Armstrong only "attempted" to attack her.

The manhunt started Wednesday when she complained that Armstrong had attacked her in her home the previous Sunday. She said she did not report it then because she didn't want to cause any trouble."

Shoemake said Armstrong still was technically charged with assault but there would be no charge of resisting arrest.

"He was arrested on an affidavit charging assault," Shoemake said. "But I don't think there will be much to it. He is well-liked by the woman's family. They raised him."

Armstrong bolted and ran when officers attempted to arrest him Wednesday in a pea patch. Highway patrolmen and bloodhounds were brought into the search.

Armstrong walked out of his brother's house in the Schooner Community with his arms up at 4:30 a.m. today after the brother, Clinton, turned him in. The fugitive had been shot below the elbow with a .22 caliber rifle by an officer when he bolted into the woods but Shoemake said the wound was not serious.

Armstrong told Shoemake he did not know what happened at the woman's house Sunday because he was drunk but he did not think he tried to hurt her because she "was just like a mother."

Armstrong said he had been hiding in the woods and had only two small watermelons to

"He was mighty humble," Shoemake said. "He said he had been trying to find a way to turn himself in to me."

Officers Think Rape Suspect Wounded; Search Resumed

PITTSBORO, Miss. (Special) — Bloodhounds trotting ahead of them, armed searchers resumed today their search for a Negro accused of raping a 60-year-old white woman. They believed the Negro may have been wounded Wednesday.

"I thought I killed him but the son-of-a-gun got to his feet and ran into the high corn," said Deputy Sheriff Grover L. Carter in describing the fugitive's break for freedom.

Carter and Sheriff W. J. Shoemake went to the Monroe Willis farm about 12 miles west of here Wednesday to arrest 33-year-old Vernon Armstrong. The white woman told officers earlier in the day that Armstrong raped her last Sunday.

"When I reached into my pocket to get the handcuffs, he broke and ran," Carter said. "The sheriff fired at him. When he kept running, I fired at him and he fell."

The deputy said "I still think he's wounded."

Bloodhounds brought from Parchman State Penitentiary traced Armstrong to the brushy bottomlands of the Skuna River about 12 miles west of here. They lost the trail about sundown Wednesday after tracking the fugitive about three miles down the river which he is believed to have swum.

Carter said 40 to 50 volunteers armed with shotguns, rifles and pistols joined sheriff's officers and highway patrolmen in the search. He said patrolmen searched "all the houses around here."

Justice of Peace W. S. Malone said the woman, accompanied by her husband, came to his office and signed a complaint saying Armstrong attacked her while the husband was away from the house. She reportedly said she did not tell about the attack earlier out of fear of causing trouble.



DESCRIBES BREAK-AWAY

Willie Berry, 47 (right) who was plowing in a field on the Monroe Willis farm in the Camp Ground community near Calhoun City Wednesday with accused rapist Vernon Armstrong when sheriff's officers arrived to arrest the Negro describes how the suspect broke away from Sheriff W. J. Shoemake and Deputy Grover L. Carter.

27h(1) 1957

9204

MISSISSIPPI

NEGRO HUNT BEGINS AFTER ATTACK FAILS

Commercial Appeal
Young White Nurse Balks

Man's Advances

Brookhaven, Miss. Feb. 3.

(UP)—An unidentified Negro

man attempted to assault a young white nurse here Sunday morning, and a countywide search was begun for him.

Officers said the victim was accosted as she left the King's Daughters' Hospital about 7 a.m. after working an overnight shift. She said she noticed the Negro approaching her as she entered her automobile, parked a short distance from the hospital.

Before she could start her car and drive away the Negro reportedly reached through a window and grabbed her. He finally fled after the frightened girl told him another nurse was coming and then leaned on her car hood.

The nurse was taken to her home in Wesson after failing to identify several suspects. Bloodhounds were sent from the Louisiana state prison farm at Angola to aid in the search for the Negro.

Negro jailed; two point him out as attacker

Brookhaven, Miss. Feb. 11—(AP)—J. C. Cameron, 21-year-old Negro, was held in an undisclosed jail today after two white women pointed him out as the man who attacked them.

Cameron admitted assaulting the women and women here in the past three

months. A prominent white woman said she was assaulted by a Negro in her home and a few days later another woman said a Negro attacked her as she drove into a Negro area but her screams frightened him away.

Dist. Atty. Mike Carr charged Cameron with two counts of rape and one of attempted rape. Two of the assaults occurred last week in Brookhaven.

Carr also charged Cameron's wife, his Aunt Minnie Lee Denise, and Negro "Preacher Mother" Little Walker with being accessories after the fact of rape by hiding and destroying evidence.

Officers said the victim was accosted as she left the King's Daughters' Hospital about 7 a.m. after working an overnight shift. She said she noticed the Negro approaching her as she entered her automobile, parked a short distance from the hospital.

Before she could start her car and drive away the Negro reportedly reached through a window and grabbed her. He finally fled after the frightened girl told him another nurse was coming and then leaned on her car hood.

The nurse was taken to her home in Wesson after failing to identify several suspects. Bloodhounds were sent from the Louisiana state prison farm at Angola to aid in the search for the Negro.

Several hours earlier, a Negro attacked a young white nurse, Mrs. Polly Hales, at King's Daughters' Hospital as she entered her car after working a night shift. She managed to wrench loose, lean on her horn and frighten him away.

Sheriff Carnie Smith said it was assumed that the same person was involved in both attacks but authorities were not sure about that. The Sunday morning assailant wore an Esso power jacket and was described as "very dark."

Mrs. Johnson said the man she surprised in her kitchen wore a plaid shirt, was about five feet eight inches tall and weighed between 160 and 170 pounds.

The Sunday attacks followed assaults of two other white

Negro Jailed As Attack Suspect Free

Post-Herald
Tues., 6-11-57

Greenville, June 11 (UPI)
Dist. Atty. Stanny Sanders today released Negro Lindy Joe Gaines when investigation revealed there was "insufficient evidence" to bring him to trial on charges of criminal assaults on white women in Clarksdale.

Gaines was arrested and indicted in Coahoma County in the wake of a series of assaults

and peeping tom incidents which had Clarksdale citizens carrying sidearms on the streets.

Gaines' attorneys asked for a change of venue last week on the grounds that Clarksdale residents were so emotionally involved in the case that Gaines could not receive a fair trial.

Sanders said today that "as the case now stands there is insufficient evidence to justify its presentation to a jury."

He said therefore the case was dismissed but pointed out that "if further proof is uncovered the matter can of course be reopened in Coahoma County."

Gaines was arrested and indicted in Coahoma County in the wake of a series of assaults and peeping tom incidents which had Clarksdale citizens carrying sidearms on the streets.

Gaines' attorneys asked for a change of venue last week on the grounds that Clarksdale residents were so emotionally involved in the case that Gaines could not receive a fair trial.

Mr. Sanders said Monday that "as the case now stands there is insufficient evidence to justify its presentation to a jury."

He said the case was therefore dismissed, but pointed out that "if further proof is uncovered the matter can of course be reopened in Coahoma County."

Is Negro Really Guilty Of Crimes At Sikeston?

Was it actually a Negro who shot and killed young John Malugen in Sikeston, Mo., last Saturday night?

The regrettable slaying of the 18-year-old Charleston high school football star has touched off racial incidents in the Southeast Missouri Area, has resulted in the arrest and subsequent release of 10 Negro men and has touched off student demonstrations at high schools in both Sikeston and Charleston.

Students of Sikeston high school, where Miss Castleberry is a senior, demonstrated in front of the school Monday morning.

About 40 white children refused to attend classes with Negro students.

There are fewer than 20 Negroes in a student body of some 675 where the high school is in the second year of integration.

A house-to-house search of a Negro subdivision in Sikeston was conducted Sunday by Scott county deputies and state police.

Malugen was shot to death as he sat in his automobile at 10 p.m. The girl told police the man appeared "out of the darkness" and approached the car. Malugen opened the door of the car and ordered the man to leave.

She said the assailant fired without warning. Malugen collapsed over the steering wheel. The girl said the man then pulled her from the car and threatened: "I'll kill you like I just killed your boy friend."

In order to delve further into the case and to bring to public attention as much information as can be gathered, THE CALL is sending two reporters to the Sikeston-Charleston area to investigate the situation.

Miss Erma Jean Wiley and James C. Brown, reporters, are in Southeast Missouri now. Their findings will be reported in next week's CALL.

A 61-year-old Sikeston Negro, Claude Lightsey who was arrested Sunday in connection with the rape-slaying, was released Monday when a lie-detector test showed that he had nothing to do with the crime.

Lightsey, frightened beyond words, was arrested after reports were received that he had been seen near the place where the two young people were attacked.

The suspect was taken to Jefferson City to avert possible mob violence and there was given a lie-detector test. Lightsey's apparent innocence in the crime was announced by Col.

the state highway patrol made a house-to-house search of a residential area for the man described as a Negro stout and bareheaded.

An 18-year-old girl of Sikeston told authorities the man walked up to the car in which she and John Malugen, 18-year-old high school football player, were of the six Negro students at Charleston attended.

She said Malugen told him to get away. He retreated a few steps, pulled a pistol and fired, striking the youth in the chest. Malugen managed to start the car before collapsing.

The girl said she tried to get behind the wheel, but the man jerked her out of the car, through a cotton field and raped her on the porch of an empty house.

The girl said she broke away and ran to a grade crossing where she was picked up by passing motorists.

Authorities found Malugen slumped over the wheel of his car. He had bled to death. The youth, whose parents live at Potosi, Mo., had been staying with a sister at Charleston, Mo.

Segregation
Post-Journal
Call Follows
Herald P. 3-a
Rape Slaying

SIKESTON, Mo., Jan. 7 (AP)—Demonstrating students today increased tension of a growing search for the man who killed an 18-year-old high school football player Saturday night and then raped his girl friend. Two Negroes were held for questioning.

The State Highway Patrol called out more troopers, equipped with tear gas guns and other riot equipment, as a group of high school students both here and at Charleston refused to attend classes and put on a marching, cat-calling demonstration at Charleston, where the boy was a student.

About 60 of the 675 high school students here and about 100 of the 350 at Charleston refused to attend classes unless Negro students were excluded. Superintendents at both schools told the demonstrators

MISSOURI

classes would be run as usual. The school here was integrated three years ago and the one at nearby Charleston two years ago.

All but two of the 18 Negro students here were reported in their classes and at least four high school football players were of the six Negro students at

Charleston attended.

About 25 high school youngsters gathered at one time in front of the Sikeston jail but there was no disorder.

Lt. Eldridge F. Dampf of the Highway patrol said one of the men under arrest was Claude Lacksley, 61-year-old Sikeston handy-man.

The name of the other man was not disclosed.

Victim of the shooting was John Malugen, who lived at Charleston, Mo., 14 miles east of Sikeston.

Police said 18-year-old June Castleberry of Sikeston told them she and young Malugen were parked on a country road just outside Sikeston when a Negro approached the car.

She related young Malugen told the man to move on but he pulled a gun and fired. Hitting the youth in the chest. Miss Castleberry said the gunman dragged her from the car across a cotton field to the porch of a vacant house and attacked her.

Principal H. C. Williams said

the Negro was arrested because of scratches on his neck. The girl said she scratched her attacker about the face and neck.

The Negro also took a lie detector test which proved negative. Police said he told them he was the victim of a strong arm robbery over the week end which caused the scratches.

Meanwhile, at Charleston, state and city police branded as a "hoax" the reported attempted attack on a 13-year-old girl near Wyatt Tuesday night. The girl had reported a Negro ripped off her blouse.

Negroes Arrive In Taxis

White students at the integrated Charleston High School have staged demonstrations against Negro students during the week and Friday the Negroes came to school in taxis.

One Negro student, 17-year-old Katie Davis, found a doll effigy in her locker hanging by a piece of twine. It bore an inscription advising her to return to Lincoln School, the town's Negro school. She said she had no intention of withdrawing.

Principal H. C. Williams said

Friday a Negro boy, 18-year-old Louis Craft, informed him he

planned to withdraw to re-enter

Lincoln School. One had previously announced that intentions

attacked her.

GIRL CLEARS NEGRO

2 Men Arrested

Evening Star
IN ASSAULT, SLAYING
Washington Daily News
In Slaying, Rape

SIKESTON, Mo., Jan. 7 (AP)—

Police arrested two men last

night and spirited them away

for questioning about the Satur-

day night slaying of an 18-year-

old high school football player

and the rape of his girl friend.

More than 100 possemen

fanned out through the South-

east Missouri delta country in a

day-long hunt yesterday,

setting up roadblocks and

searching Negro settlements

house to house. Both the ar-

rested men are Negroes.

About 25 high school young-

sters gathered at one time in

front of the Sikeston Jail, but

there was no disorder.

Handy Man Held

Lt. Eldridge F. Dampf of the

Missouri Highway Patrol said

one of the men under arrest was

Claude (Bootmouth) Lacksley,

61-year-old Sikeston handy man.

He said Lackley was ques-

tioned at Poplar Bluff, 51 miles

west of Sikeston, and then taken to patrol headquarters at Jefferson City for lie detector tests today.

The name of the other man was not disclosed. Lt. Dampf said he was a friend of Lacksley and was picked up for questioning about a .32-caliber pistol.

Parked on Country Road

Victim of the shooting was John Malugen, who lived at Charleston, Mo., 14 miles east of Sikeston.

Police said 18-year-old June Castleberry of Sikeston told them she and young Malugen were parked on a country road just outside Sikeston when a Negro approached the car.

She related young Malugen told the man to move on but he pulled a gun and fired. Hitting the youth in the chest. Miss Castleberry said the gunman dragged her from the car across a cotton field to the porch of a vacant house and attacked her.

New incident in kill-attack area fans race tension

SIKESTON, Mo., Jan. 9 (AP)—Reported attack on a 13-year-old girl heightened racial tension in the Southeast Missouri delta country again today. Authorities continued their search for the slayer of a high school football star.

Police said the girl told of being seized by a Negro man as she and an 11-year-old companion were riding their bicycles in Wyatt, Mo., 20 miles east of Sikeston.

The older girl's blouse was torn off but they were not otherwise molested.

The Missouri Highway Patrol dispatched troopers to Wyatt. About 100 persons gathered outside a gymnasium at the edge of Wyatt's Negro district.

AUTHORITIES meantime offered a \$500 reward for help in tracking down the slayer of John Malugen, 19, a high school senior at Charleston, Mo., 14 miles east of Sikeston.

Malugen was slain Saturday night while he and Miss June Castleberry, 18, of Sikeston were parked in a lovers' lane.

Police said Miss Castleberry told them the Negro gunman dragged her across a cotton field and raped her.

RAPE-SLAYING STIRS PROTEST ON INTEGRATION

Wiley Wiley
Jan. 1-9-57

Sikeston but were turned back in her locker hanging by a piece of twine. It bore an inscription advising her to return to Lincoln School, the town's Negro school. She said she had no intention of withdrawing.

Most of Negroes Attend

The school here was integrated three years ago. All except two of the 18 Negro students at Sikeston were reported in their classes. At the Charleston school, which was integrated two years ago, at least four of the six Negro pupils attended.

Sikeston, Mo., Jan. 7 [Specia]—State troopers equipped with riot arms went to Superintendents at both this area to cope with mounting schools told the demonstrating tension today as about 160 tors classes would be held as high school students, as usual. The groups disbanded noisy demonstrations in two after appearances at the two towns over the slaying of a schools and some reportedly young football star and the returned to classes while others stayed away.

With a Negro sought as the slayer-rapist, racial integra-



tion in the schools here and at Charlestown, 14 miles to the east, was the target of the demonstrators. Two men are being held for questioning.

Victim of the Saturday night shooting was John Malugen, 18, a Charlestown High School student. His 18 year old companion is a high school student here. She said a man came up to their car, parked on a country road near here, and shot Malugen, then dragged her to a vacant house in a cotton field and raped her.

100 Boycott Classes

About 100 of the 350 high school students at Charlestown and about 80 of the 675 students here refused to attend classes today unless Negro students were excluded.

They put on marching, calling demonstrations at both schools. About a score of students from Charlestown came here. They shouted epithets at white students who went to classes.

Several autos filled with adults headed here from Char-

Sikeston Call 7-1 Clues Grow Dimmer Kansas City, Every Suspect Arrested Freed After Quizzing

By ERMA WILEY
and
JAMES BROWN

SIKESTON, Mo.—Seven disraught looking men who appeared to be in the age ranges of 29 to 45 were sitting on a long bench in the makeshift city police headquarters of Sikeston, which is located just off one of the main thoroughfares leading out of the city toward Memphis, U. S. Highway 61.

The men were here as the result of a police roundup aimed at finding the assailant of an 18-year-old white girl, and the slayer of her boy friend.

None of the men, was told specifically by the police why he was being arrested and during the night of two men for questioning, about 25 high school students gathered in front of the Sikeston jail but no violence occurred.

Girl Clears Suspect

In Assult Slaying

A 21-year-old Negro, jailed at St. Louis for questioning in the fatal shooting of a Charlestown, Mo., High School football star and the criminal assault of his date, was absolved by the girl who was attacked.

St. Louis police reported the girl, a student at Sikeston, Mo., High School, said the Negro "was not the one" who killed John Malugen, 18, and assaulted her on the night of Jan. 5 in a farm lane near Sikeston.

White students at the integrated Charlestown High School staged demonstrations against Negro students during the week and Friday the Negroes came to school in taxis. —13-57

One Negro student, 17-year-old Katie Davis, found a doll effigy Negro who did not report to work after the offense were turned over

to the police. Anybody and everybody who looked suspicious were questioned, but they all were released.

Talked Like Negro

The girl first said her attacker was a colored man because he "talked like a Negro." A day later she came up with a description. This time she said the man was about 30-years old, nearly 5'9", not too dark and not too light, 160 pounds and his hair was closely cropped. It is questionable why the girl wasn't given a lie detector's test. None of this could be determined in a pitch dark place alone. Another fact revealed is

Miss Castleberry said she was positive that she scratched her as-boy from a nearby town when salient's face. The first seven menshe has a boy friend in Sikeston. arrested had no scratches. A 27-year-old St. Louis man was questioned because he had facial scars that some one other than a Negro committed the crimes, thereby permitting the real criminal to make a clear getaway or stick there with well-covered tracks.

Three Other Cars

At the time of the offense there were three other vehicles parked in the "lovers lane" at the same time. A truck was occupied by William F. Cotton, and an unidentified Negro woman. Cotton said he heard a girl's voice but could not determine if she was screaming or talking loud. White students occupied another car and they told police they saw a Negro running across the stubble cotton patch. Neither of them were able to give any description of the Negro. "Why didn't Cotton see a Negro?"

Police officials say they have been unable to locate the third car. Why? Miss Castleberry should have been able to describe the car although she didn't see fit to run to one of the vehicles following her alleged assault. Rather than seek help in one of these cars, Miss Castleberry ran about two blocks to the railroad crossing and got in a car there.

No Statement From The Girl

If the case is as baffling to them as the officials would have us believe, why hasn't someone other than a Negro been questioned? Why can't the girl's actual statements be produced in black and white. The chief of police admitted that he hadn't taken any statement from the girl.

Below are two more important elements that the police failed to discuss with us or throw any light upon!

(1) A couple sitting in a tryst-

27h(1) 1957

9206

MISSOURI

shot with a .32 caliber pistol. The bullet entered his left arm and pierced his chest.

When police and hospital authorities were able to get the girl quiet ed down, she told them that she and Malugen had been sitting in the auto, in the Compress road area, listening to the radio.

Heard Someone Coming

The girl said she saw the image of a man approaching the car and told her boy friend "someone was coming." According to June, the boy jumped out of the car and ordered the man to leave. She said the man took one step back, pulled his gun and fired once. The victim said her boy friend got back into the car and attempted to drive off when he slumped over the wheel.

Miss Castleberry said this is when "the Negro" opened the door on the right and dragged her to an adjacent cotton patch. Negro residents of Sikeston said and attempted to assault her, not once did the police produce a search warrant after barging into the girl's home. The Rev. J. J. Springer said they came to his sharecropper's shack and there home and literally "raided" it. Tom raped her. She said she struggled Elder, who lives on Old Baker's with him, scratching him in the place, the scene of the crime, said face. When he finished the act the police told him "we're looking the girl said he let her go with for a Negro man who has committed the warning that if she told any bad act."

The principal and teachers of Lincoln elementary school, an all-Negro school, corroborated the statement. The students who took part in the demonstration were allowed to make up their classes and none were punished or even talked to.

When the police learned this and Arthur Bruce organized a posse, which included two Negroes, Walker Griffin and Walter Robinson, former policemen; some deputy sheriffs plus state troopers to search every home in Sunset addition. Bruce referred to the area as "colored town" because all the Negroes in Sikeston live there.

Targets of the violent demonstrations were three seniors, Louis Craft 18, Patricia Montjoy 16, Mabel Bradford 17, and Katie Davis 17, a junior. As Craft attempted to enter the school, a crowd of white boys pushed him and ordered him to go home. Craft remained at school all morning but did not return to school Thursday morning.

Patricia and Mabel told the Sheriff John Dennis, of Pemiscot county, had this to say: "I feel certain that some of our colored citizens do have information about this case which would be of importance in finding this wanted man and I urge all our colored residents not to be afraid to speak. You will be protected and your name kept secret. No matter how little information you may have, it could help."

Reward to \$1200

Bruce theorized that the reward money, now totalling over \$1200, would entice some Negro to talk. William Pegues, a Negro cab-driver, said police tried to get

her to draw her chair near the door if she wanted to hear. She also said that after reporting that a boy had hit her with a piece of paper to the superintendent, he said, "As long as your arm is not broken or something like that, it's better to keep quiet."

In some classes, the students wait until the last bell rings to enter. Some white students when passing a Negro will hold their noses and say, "Whew, I smell something."

J. H. Marshall, superintendent of schools, and H. C. Williams, up the story to avoid discipline a principal, said they are doing home. As word of this outrage spread carloads of angry adults to the superintendent that the trouble Wednesday morning was a result of the heavy rain. The girl was uninjured. The NAACP branch at Charles-

ed. Following the Wyatt story the white students attempted to prevent the Negroes from attending classes at Charleston. The acts by the branch provided transportation to and from the school for the Negro students were soon stopped.

In Charleston, Mo., where the negro students during the critical slain boy was an outstanding athlete and captain of the football team, the tension was greatest and were confident that the police H. C. Williams, when questioned were looking "on the wrong side by CALL reporters, said, "What the facts" for the man who more can you expect when a Negro killed your star football player-raped Miss Castleberry.

Assault-Murder Immortal By Negro Spurs Missouri Search

SIKESTON, Mo., Jan. 6.—A widespread search Sunday failed to locate a Negro who shot and killed a popular high school football player and criminally assaulted his girl companion Saturday night in a secluded section in Charles Sikeston.

John Malugen, 18-year-old captain and fullback of the Charles-ton, Mo., football team last season, was killed when he was warned the Negro to get away from his car, parked on a field road near the Frisco Railway tracks.

It was the third time a Negro has accosted persons in the same darkened area in about two-and-a-half months.

His companion, also 18, of Sikeston, told officers she and young Malugen were listening to the car radio when the Negro approached at 10:15 p.m. She said her date told him to leave, but the Negro retreated a few steps, pulled a pistol and fired.

Mr. Malugen was struck in the chest, but managed to start the

OLD BAKER'S PLACE.—The porch of this house, just off of Compress Road in Sikeston, Mo., is where 18-year-old June Castleberry said she was criminally assaulted after her companion, John Malugen, was slain. The shack, located on Old Baker's place occupied by a sharecropper, Harry Fox, and his young niece. Sikeston police arrested Fox and the woman in the hope they may throw some light on the identity of the person who would take Negroes in their property.

Doubt Negro Committed Crimes In Sikeston, Mo.

Kansas City, Mo.
By ERMA WILEY
and
JAMES BROWN

"He talked like a Negro." That appears to be the strongest evidence that Miss June Castleberry of Sikeston, Mo., has that the man who killed her companion, John Malugen, and raped her was a Negro.

In an effort to point up all of the important elements in the case it is necessary to start from the beginning. Call P. 4

Attracted by Screams

Saturday night, Jan. 5, between 10:00 and 10:30, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cooper, of 221 Handy St., were attracted by the screams of a youthful girl as they waited at the Frisco tracks for the train to cross. As the girl approached their auto, she told them her boy friend had been shot.

The Coopers took the girl into town where they found police officers Alvin Mills, assistant chief of police and Bill Kiefer, patrolman, and Miss Castleberry told them in almost hysteria that Malugen had been shot.

The officers radioed the alarm and hurried to the Compress Road vicinity where they found an 18-year-old boy slumped over the steering wheel. He was dead on arrival at the local hospital. It was later found that he had been

Community Sealed Off

This community was sealed off

from Sunday morning, shortly af-

ter midnight, until 2:30 p.m. Sun-

day afternoon. No one was per-

mitted to leave or enter the com-

munity without permission from the

chief and after being questioned

as to his whereabouts the night

before. Railroad and bus authori-

ties were alerted to search all

conveyances, for a Negro who may

have left Sikeston or the area from

8:00 p.m. on.

"Bootmouth," who lives on Felker St., was the first major sus-pect of the case. He was arrested on the tip of Harry Fox. The house

where the girl was supposed to

have been raped is occupied by

Fox and his young niece. Police

said Fox told them he saw "Boot-

mouth" leaving the area as he

car before collapsing.

The girl said she tried to get behind the wheel, but the Negro jerked her from the car, dragged her through a cotton field and attacked her on the front porch of a Negro home. No one was at home at the time.

She said she broke away finally, and ran to a grade crossing about a mile away, where she was picked up by a passing motorist.

Police, who found Mr. Malugen slumped over the steering wheel, said he bled to death. The girl was dismissed after treatment at Missouri Delta Community Hospital.

Authorities said the Negro was dressed in dark clothing, was stout and wore no hat.

Police Chief Arthur Bruce said about 75 police, county officers and state highway patrolmen had taken part in the search for the attacker. A house-to-house canvas of Negro homes in the area was completed Sunday morning. All exits from this Southeast Missouri city were blocked until 9:30 a.m., and all incoming and outgoing vehicles examined.

Chief Bruce said an 18-year-old Negro girl was criminally assaulted less than three months ago in the vicinity of the Saturday night tragedy. While officers were searching for the Negro attacker, he stopped a car carrying a white couple. The couple jumped from the car and were fired on as they ran. The Negro drove away in the auto and abandoned it about five minutes later.

"We think it may be the same Negro involved in all three incidents," Chief Bruce said. No suspects have been jailed.

Mr. Malugen, a high school senior, was unable to play much football last season because of injuries. He was making his home at Charleston with his sister, Mrs. Raymond Venson, while he completed high school studies. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guffrie Malugen, moved from Charleston to Potosi, Mo., about a year ago.

Mr. Malugen was born at Carruthersville. He was a Baptist.

He leaves his parents; another sister, Mrs. Norman Blair of Potosi; and four brothers, Guffrie Malugen Jr., Wayne Malugen and Warren Malugen, all of Potosi, and James Malugen of Sherman, Texas.

Services will be held at 2 Tuesday afternoon at First Baptist Church in Charleston. The Rev. D. B. Bledsoe will officiate. Burial will be in Oddfellows Cemetery there, with Nunnelee Funeral Home in charge.

Pinning It On A Negro

Informed P. 12
May 1-757

It is not necessary to condone crimes by Negroes or to deny that segregation has taught and encouraged Negroes to commit more crimes than white people, to take a "show me" attitude toward some crimes when first reported as committed by Negroes. As a historical fact, the records show, for instance, that there have been cases where white women have charged "rape" against a Negro, when the truth was otherwise. Pinning a crime on a Negro is something that has happened before, when not true, and it will doubtless be tried again from time to time. The Negro is an easy target for those seeking such a target.

Considerations like these caused Buddy Lonesome, associate editor of the St. Louis Argus, to go to Sikeston, Missouri, to look personally into the case where a young white girl has charged that a Negro murdered her white boy friend and subsequently raped her.

In his first report of his findings Mr. Lonesome says at the outset: "The Negroes in this Southern Missouri town believe that the real story of the murder of an 18-year-old football star and the reported rape of his attractive 18-year-old date—has not been told." This first report also called attention to the "search party that roamed through the homes in the Negro section of Sikeston at will searching for the reported killer." This, of course, is in line with traditional "pinning it on a Negro" tactics.

Besides, Sikeston had successfully and harmoniously desegregated its schools, and Mr. Lonesome found Negro residents naturally suspicious of what some white hoodlums might do to discredit desegregation in the town. Under all these circumstances, nobody should jump at any conclusions until all the facts are in. Things have been pinned on innocent Negroes before. There is always present in such situations the possibility of a repeat performance.

27h(1) 1957

NEW YORK

9207

Ailing woman, 71, sex attack victim

NEW YORK A 71-year-old ailing woman was admitted to Harlem Hospital last week suffering from shock and bruises after she had been raped allegedly by a white man.

According to police reports, a neighbor heard screams from Mrs. Albert Jones' apartment at the 200 block of E. 126th St. and ran to the door and found a white man.

The man, who identified himself to police as Donald Van Horne of Columbus, Ohio, is being held on \$10,000 bail pending grand jury action on a criminal attack charge.

27h(1) 1957

NORTH CAROLINA

9208

Rape Case Near Wallace; Negro Suspect Being Held

WALLACE, March 31—Feeling was running high here tonight after a 47-year-old woman from near Wallace was beaten and raped early this morning at her home where she lived alone.

Mrs. Mary Lou Carter, who lives four miles north of Wallace on highway 11, identified from her hospital bed her assailant as Ferley Faison, a Negro man who lives nearby. He is being held in the county jail at Kinstonville.

Claimed Alibi.

Sheriff Ralph Miller said Faison claims to have witnesses who will testify that he was not in the neighborhood at the time, however.

"She identified him at the hospital," the sheriff said. "But she has a fractured skull and there could be a mistake." He said the investigation is being continued.

Mrs. Carter told officers the man entered her dining room window. She said she shot above his head with a .410 gauge shotgun. The man then hit her, she said, tied her hands and assaulted her.

Calls Brother

After the man left, she said she freed one hand and managed to get to the phone to call her brother, Bennie Teachey, who notified the sheriff. The sheriff estimated the time of assault at 1:30 a.m. He was called at 4:30 a.m.

Mrs. Carter was first taken to Duplin Hospital in Kenansville. She was later moved to James Walker Memorial Hospital in Wilmington where she was operated on for a fractured skull.

The sheriff's office tonight reported her condition as fair. FBI agents are assisting in the investigation.

Widow Raped Near Sims; Police Search For Man

WILSON, April 30—Wilson County officers were still searching tonight for a Negro man who raped and brutally beat a young widow near Sims.

Mrs. Marjorie Sanders, 25, and mother of one child, was definitely sexually assaulted. Dr. Badie T. Clark of the Carolina General Hospital said today. He also said the woman had a black eye, bruises on her chest and thighs, and finger marks on her neck.

Officers said the attack occurred yesterday when Mrs. Sanders went to a wooded area back of her house to empty some garbage. She told officers she fainted when the man jumped her while her back was turned.

When officers arrived, they found the woman hysterical. Her clothes were ripped to shreds. She was described as being about five feet, six inches in height and weighing around 140 pounds. She lived in a small rural house with her child and Juanita Purdie.

Officers are using bloodhounds in the search that continued throughout today. Wilson County Sheriff J. W. Thompson said the FBI is assisting in the investigation.

Mrs. Sanders was the second assault victim in this area in less than two months.

On March 5, Mrs. Myra Manning, 43, of near Bailey, was murdered by Johnnie D. Knight, Jr., 29-year-old deaf mute Negro, when she resisted his advances. Knight admitted the slaying, and is now in State Prison awaiting trial.

NEEDY N.C. IN ASSAULT CASE

Bladen County White Woman Claims Man Raped Her In Bedroom

By MOTTE GRIFFITH JR.

CLARKTON, Aug. 18—A 29-year-old Negro man was lodged in Bladen County jail today on charges of assaulting a 29-year-old white mother of two children.

The attack occurred early today at the Hester home some two miles from town, police said. Clem Burney was arrested in a wooded area near there after he fled when officers attempted to question him concerning the alleged assault.

According to officers, Burney confessed raping the woman and was jailed without bond.

Grabbed Her Wrists.

Mrs. Hester said the assault took place as she lay in her bed around 4 a.m. She told Bladen Sheriff John B. Allen, "I didn't know anyone was in the house until he grabbed my wrists."

The woman said her assailant, who apparently entered the house through a back window, forced her to submit. "I was afraid to scream," she said. "I was afraid he would kill me and the children."

Her two sons, aged five and six, who were sleeping in the bed with her, slept through the alleged assault.

"He didn't say anything," Mrs. Hester said. "He just held my wrists and made me submit."

"The only time he spoke," she said, "was when he was leaving. He said, 'Don't make a light.' And he wanted to know 'if I wanted a cigarette?'

The woman told officers that her assailant warned her, "Don't turn me in." A shotgun and a rifle hung near the bed in which the alleged assault took place, and when officers questioned the woman as to why she did not try to get one of the guns, she told them she was afraid for her life and those of her children.

Mrs. Hester told officers her assailant held her wrists until he had opened the front door and fled through the wood behind the house. After the alleged attack Mrs. Hester took her two children to the home of Allen Cox, a neighbor.

On a tip from a suspect they had picked up, officers began looking for Burney. He was spotted

by Sheriff Allen as he walked along N. C. Highway 211 West of Clarkton.

Officers gave chase and cornered him in a wooded area just out of town. A cordon of police officers and civilians was thrown up around the area, and hound dogs were sent in to rout Burney out.

After several unsuccessful attempts, the suspect was spotted lying in a corn field and was captured before he could make his break for freedom. Prior to his capture, dogs trailed Burney to a service station some two miles from the Hester home where the trail was lost.

Mrs. Hester lives alone with her two children. Her husband is serving a term on the road on charges of assault and non-support. She was examined by Dr. Julian Keith Jr. of Clarkton

WINSTON - SALEM, Dec. 14 (UP)—A Negro service station attendant today was charged with raping Mrs. Al DePorter, attractive young wife of the Wake Forest College assistant basketball coach.

Cap. W. R. Burke, chief of Winston-Salem detectives, said Charles Moore Jr., 27, gave a statement "which contained very little difference" from the story related to police by the 25-year-old

Mrs. DePorter. She said she was raped on an isolated dirt road about 4 p.m. yesterday.

Had Family Car.

Capt. Burke quoted Mrs. DePorter, whose husband was the captain of the Wake Forest basketball team in 1955-56, as saying Moore had brought the DePorter family car from a service station to their apartment and insisted he drive on the return trip to the station. Mrs. DePorter said the Negro threatened her with a knife and attacked her in a deserted dirt road.

Winston-Salem Police Chief James L. Waller said the side road is in "as isolated section as can be found within the city limits."

Capt. Burke and Mrs. DePorter told them she freed herself and drove to her apartment and a friend notified police. Burke said Moore left on foot, went to a service station where he had been employed previously, and had a friend telephone police he wanted to surrender.

The police captain said through directions provided by Moore, the knife was found about 20 or 30 feet off the dirt road and about 200 feet down the road from where the attack occurred.

Makes No Denial.

Moore, who commutes to his work at the service station here from High Point, made no denial, police said. The rape warrant was signed by Det. Sgt. J. H. Lenix.

Moore was held without bond for arraignment in Municipal Court on Tuesday. He will be given a preliminary hearing in the same court on Friday.

DePorter was notified immediately and hurried home from Col-

lege Park, Md., where the Maryland basketball team defeated Wake Forest 72-58 last night. DePorter, former Wake Forest basketball star, and his wife, a former Youngstown, Ohio, girl were married about two years ago and have no children.

Mrs. DePorter was treated at a hospital and placed under care of a physician at her home. She had a slight cut on her nose.

Capt. W. R. Burke, chief of detectives, said that Mrs. DePorter gave this account:

The man brought her car from the service station to her home in the faculty apartments on the campus.

She got in to drive him back, but he insisted on driving despite her protests.

He drove onto a deserted road about a mile from the apartment and not far from the service station.

He dragged her from the car, threatened her with a knife and attacked her.

She managed to get back inside the car and locked the doors as he ran off.

She drove home and police were called.

Negro Boasts Of Assaulding Coach's Wife

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (UP)—A "boasting" Negro was charged Saturday with raping the young wife of a Wake Forest College basketball coach while her husband was in Maryland with the team.

Mrs. Al DePorter, 25, said she was attacked by the Negro, identified as Charles Moore Jr., 27, High Point, N. C., about 4 p.m. Friday. The attack occurred, she said, while she was taking the Negro service station attendant back

Negro Sought In Assault Case

Man Is Sought In Assault

A short scar-faced Negro is being sought for breaking into the home of two white persons, at Women's Prison and attempting to assault one of them.

Moore was held without bond on charges of rape, a capital offense in North Carolina. The charge was placed at mid-morning after an all-night investigation.

Police officials said the Negro admitted "in a boasting manner" that he attacked Mrs. DePorter after threatening her with a pocketknife.

Police Capt. W. R. Burke said Moore called police headquarters and gave himself up after fleeing the scene of the attack.

Burke said, "Moore has gone much further in his statement than Mrs. DePorter has, but we may not have gotten all the information from her because she was so upset."

Mrs. DePorter was treated at a hospital here and was placed under the care of a physician.

b.w1 1

News Photo
Deporter, Wake Forest assistant basketball coach, was at College Park, Md., for the Wake Forest-Maryland game when he was notified. He rushed home immediately. *Set 12-14-57*
Moore was held without bond on charges of rape, a capital offense in North Carolina. The charge was placed at mid-morning after an all-night investigation. *Set 12-14-57*
Police officials said the Negro admitted "in a boasting manner" that he attacked Mrs. DePorter after threatening her with a pocketknife.
He told me I knew what he wanted and that he would kill me if I screamed," she said.

The second matron, Mrs. Ruby Richardson, said she went to Mrs. Allen's bedroom when she heard with his fists he threatened "to get her later" as he fled.

"I thought at first she was having a nightmare," Mrs. Richardson said.

When Mrs. Richardson appeared at Mrs. Allen's bedroom door and asked the Negro what he was doing in the house, he lunged at her and dashed out a rear door, Deputy Sheriffs Bob Linton and Louis Waters said.

The women told Raleigh Officers B. G. Parker and W. F. Crocker, who assisted in the search at the prison location, that the Negro was short, had scars on his face and was wearing work clothes.

Bloodhounds were called from Cary Prison Farm to help track the man, but could not find a trail.

A short time after the incident, Deputies Linton and Waters picked up a suspect fitting the general description, but later released him.

Police searched the area until about 4 a.m. yesterday following the incident which occurred shortly after midnight yesterday.

WASHINGTON, N.C., Nov. 19—Chief of Police Phillip Paul announced today that local police are exploring every possible detail to find young Negro man who grabbed a white woman here, threatening to kill her if she screamed. Mrs. Olive Corey Box, told officers the man was a medium sized Negro about 20 years old. She said she was walking home from church services around 8:45 p.m.

After he had assaulted her with his fists he threatened "to get her later" as he fled.

According to police Mrs. Box was walking home from church services and noticed that a Negro was following her.

She said he walked up behind her, grabbed her and put his hand over her mouth threatening her if she screamed.

Officers said Mrs. Box is the mother of one small child. She stated that she bit his hand, screaming for help. He then dashed from the scene smashing her in the forehead, cursing her and vowing to get her later.

9209

Rape Stories By Three Women Proved Hoaxes

(see finding) p. 3

TOLEDO, Ohio — Three white women in two different sections of the country admitted last week that their stories of being raped by Negro men were not true.

Linda Berger, a high school senior and daughter of a Lutheran clergyman, admitted that her story that three youths attacked her in an alley near home was a complete fabrication.

A nurse, Mrs. Dolores Lotte, also confessed that she made up the accusation that a man invaded the seventh floor of St. Vincent's hospital, clamped an ether-soaked rag over her mouth, making her unconscious.

Both admitted their stories were untrue after an atmosphere of fear of a racial outbreak persisted for nearly a week.

FLUNKED 5 LIE TESTS

Linda flunked five lie detector tests before she told police that she made up the story to compensate for a guilty complex. She said she planned the whole deed and inflicted razor cuts on her body and rolled over on the ground to simulate bruises from the purported attack. *9-28-57*

The nurse failed two lie detector tests, then told police:

"Forget it. It never happened. I don't know why I said it." Linda's father, the Rev. Ewald Berger, issued this statement after revelation of the hoax. *9-20*

Both admitted their stories were untrue after an atmosphere of fear of a racial outbreak persisted for nearly a week. *Karen Berger*

Linda and Pastor and Mrs. Berger express deep humility over the hoax which Linda played.

"We regret the deep anxiety it caused all of our friends and all of the citizens of Toledo."

"Linda never foresaw the far-reaching consequences of her theatrical action. Your prayers for all concerned will be deeply appreciated."

The nurse never apologized, but resigned from the hospital staff.

In Birmingham, Ala., a 15-year-old white girl told police that a story she told them about being

raped by three Negro youths was a hoax.

She said she made up the story to keep from having to attend classes.

The girl had charged that the youths seized her as she walked across a parking lot. A scratch on her shoulder and rips in her blouse had given police a reason to believe her story.

However, Sgt. M. H. House said the girl admitted she did the damage herself with a safety razor blade.

Toledo Student And Hospital Nurse Confess 'Rape Stories' Were Lies

Toledo, Ohio. — A white 17-year-old girl and a 27-year-old nurse *statement after revelation of the old girl and 27-year-old nurse hoax:* perpetrated hoaxes—charging they had been attacked by Negroes — had this city on the verge of a racial explosion, until Thursday when the hoaxes were exposed.

Linda Berger, a high school senior and daughter of a Lutheran clergyman, admitted that her story that three youths attacked her in an alley near home was a complete fabrication.

The nurse, Mrs. Dolores Lotte, also confessed that she made up the accusation that a man invaded the seventh floor of St. Vincent's hospital, clamped an ether-soaked rag over her mouth, making her unconscious.

Both admitted their stories were untrue after an atmosphere of fear of a racial outbreak persisted for nearly a week. *9-20*

Linda flunked five lie detector tests before she told police that she made up the story to compensate for a guilty complex. She said she planned the whole act and inflicted razor cuts on her body and rolled over on the ground to simulate bruises from the purported attack. *9-27-57*

The nurse failed two lie detector tests, then told police: "Forget it. It never happened. I don't know why I said it." Linda's father, the Rev. Ewald Berger, issued this

statement after revelation of the old girl and 27-year-old nurse hoax:

"Linda and Pastor and Mrs. Berger express deep humility over the hoax which Linda played.

"We regret the deep anxiety it caused all of our friends and all of the citizens of Toledo."

"Linda never foresaw the far-reaching consequences of her theatrical action. Your prayers for all concerned will be deeply appreciated."

The nurse never apologized, but resigned from the hospital staff.

In Birmingham, Ala., a 15-year-old white girl told police that a story she told them about being

raped by three Negro youths was a hoax.

"Linda and Pastor and Mrs. Berger express deep humility over the hoax which Linda played.

"We regret the deep anxiety it has caused all of our friends and all of the citizens of Toledo."

"Linda never foresaw the far-reaching consequences of her theatrical action. Your prayers for all concerned will be deeply appreciated."

Nurse Doesn't Apologize

The nurse never apologized, but resigned from the hospital staff.

During the days that followed the false charges, Negro citizens, in their contacts with whites, were subject to constant stares and indignat remarks.

The chief of police, Anthony A. Bosch, even suggested at a mass meeting that the Negro community turn stool pigeon.

It was at this meeting that Negro citizens raised doubt that the crimes were committed by Negroes, or that they perhaps were made up.

9210

Philadelphia Girl Testifies Of Attack By Six Negro Men

27 Nov Pa
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 7 (AP)—An 18-year-old girl testified today that she was waylaid and attacked by six young Negroes in September when racial tension was running high in this city.

The six went on trial in Common Pleas Court before a jury of nine women and three men. One defendant, who had pleaded guilty to all the charges involved, denied on the witness stand that he actually raped the girl. He was permitted to plead innocent on that charge. All the defendants but one waived jury trial. Since one had asked for a jury trial, the court ordered all the cases to go to the jury.

The other five pleaded innocent to charges including rape, assault with intent to ravish, aggravated assault and battery, indecent assault and conspiracy.

They had pleaded innocent to charges including rape, assault with intent to ravish, aggravated assault and battery, indecent assault and conspiracy.

The attack, on Sept. 18, when Miss Heckart was 17, came at a time when racial feelings were intensified by the Little Rock high school integration crisis.

A police official said the assault was planned in advance.

Miss Heckart, the opening witness, said she was on her way home from a visit to relatives when the attack occurred.

She said her assailants ripped off some of her clothing, pinned her down while she was raped, adding she was hit on the head when she screamed.

Her screams brought a 16-year-old boy to her aid. Three of the attackers fought him, he testified, while Miss Heckart broke free and ran home.

Through Miss Heckart originally had said four Negroes attacked her, police eventually rounded up six, all from Philadelphia, and charged them all with at least some part in the attack.

Roddy Miller Jr., 17, changed his plea to innocent on the rape charge. The other defendants are:

Ivy Lee Crosland, 23; his cousin, Joseph L. Crosland, 20; Leroy Kelly Jr., 22, and Donald Johnson Jr., 17, and Leroy

Kelly Jr., 22.

Pennsylvania Negroes draw term in attack

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 9 (AP)—Five young Negro men were convicted Friday night of raping and beating a teen-age white girl in a South Philadelphia schoolyard. A sixth Negro youth had pleaded guilty at the outset of the trial.

The defendants drew sentences up to 15 years.

The girl, Katherine Heckart, testified the six forced her into the schoolyard the night of Sept. 18. She said they beat her and held her while she was raped. She escaped after a 16-year-old white youth went to her aid when he heard screams.

THE ATTACK was one of a series of apparently racial conflicts that took place among teen-agers in the city during the period of strong national concern over the school integration crisis at Little Rock, Ark. Heavy police patrols were assigned to the Philadelphia trouble spots to break up gang incidents at the time.

The jury of nine women and three men deliberated about three hours.

The charges against the six included rape, aggravated assault and battery, and assault with intent to ravish.

Each of the defendants testified to taking some part in the assault, but each denied actually raping the girl. They admitted drinking a quantity of wine and beer before the attack.

Those convicted and their sentences were:

Leroy Kelly, 22, and Ivy Lee Crosland, 23, 7½ to 15 years.

Joseph Crosland, 20, and his brother, Robert, 19, cousins of Ivy Lee Crosland, and Donald Johnson, 17, 6½ to 15 years.

Roddy Miller, 17, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 5 to 15

years. All the sentences will be served in Eastern State Penitentiary.

Six Negroes face Philadelphia court in assault on girl

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 7 (AP)—Six Negro youths went on trial in Common Pleas Court today for beating a white girl in September—a time when racial tension was running high in this city.

The six are accused of viciously beating a 17-year-old South Philadelphia girl after dragging charges in the same case at a hearing before Magistrate James T. Donnelly at the 55th and Pine st. police station.

LENSMEN BARRED

Donnelly, who barred photographers while testimony was being given, was the same man being fanned by the Little Rocker who held Young in \$1500 bail on June 6, 1956, after he was accused of molesting and beating the small girl in her home near 21st and Westmoreland sts.

Young, who then worked in a downtown luncheonette, to which he was traced, was accused on the same day of breaking into the home of a young woman in the same North Philadelphia area and trying to attack her. Donnelly freed him of that charge when the plaintiff failed to appear.

CHARGES DENIED

Young, previously freed on Oct. 19, 1955, by Magistrate George Levin after an arrest on sale and possession of drugs charges, denied yesterday that he was the armed intruder who assaulted a 19-year-old University of Pennsylvania student early Saturday.

The victim, whose name is withheld by The Inquirer, insisted sobbingly, however, that the suspect was the man who came into the bedroom of her sorority house on Locust st. near 37th at 5:45 A. M. and told her before the attack: "Be quiet or I'll kill you—I have a gun and razor."

'AT HOME ASLEEP'

Young, who police said had been employed as a caddy and guard at Convent

Child Attack Suspect Accused by 2d Victim

A city employee still awaiting trial for allegedly molesting a 9-year-old girl in 1956, was held without bail yesterday on a variety of charges after a young woman identified him as criminally assaulted her.

The suspect, Augustus Young Jr., 26, of Irving st. near 38th, married and the father of two children, also was held since last Jan. 28, despite being \$5000 bail for the grand jury under indictment since August, 1956, on charges involving the small girl, claimed that he was "home asleep" after having left a party near 8th and Parrish sts. at 4 A. M. Saturday.

Sgt. Earl Sterrett, of the Morals Squad, said the attractive blonde Penn student reported that on leaving, the intruder invited her to meet him Saturday night, so he could "show her around," at the southeast corner of 37th and Walnut sts.

3 Previous Arrests

Augustus Young, Jr., 26, of Irving st. near 37th, held yesterday on 10 different charges in connection with the crime, assault of a 19-year-old University of Pennsylvania student. Had a record of three previous arrests, according to police.

Records show the suspect also is awaiting trial on an indictment returned August a year ago. The indictment grew out of charges that he molested and beat a 9-year-old girl in her North Philadelphia home.

Young first was arrested Oct. 19, 1955, for sale and possession of narcotics. He was discharged by Magistrate George Levin.

The next two charges against him were made on the same day—June 6, 1956. He was accused of forcing his way early that day into the home of a young woman in the 2100 block of Bellevue st., and



AUGUSTUS YOUNG, JR.

of entering another house in the same block and molesting a small girl in her bedroom.

Magistrate James T. Donnelly, before whom Young also was arraigned yesterday, freed him of the first charge, when the plaintiff failed to testify, but held him on the second charge, when the child resisted his father's advances.

Six Negroes Guilty In Philadelphia Rape

News & Courses P.1

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 8 (AP)—A jury tonight convicted five Negro youths on charges of raping and beating a teen-age white girl in a South Philadelphia school yard. A sixth defendant pleaded guilty.

Judge Louis E. Levantini immediately sentenced all six to terms in Eastern State Penitentiary ranging up to 15 years.

The girl, Katherine Heckart, who was 17 at the time of the attack, testified her attackers dragged her into a deserted school yard the night of Sept. 18. There, she said, they beat her and held her down while she was being raped. A 16-year-old white boy heard her screams and came to her aid. Three of the attackers fought with him, enabling the girl to get away.

The jury of nine women and three men deliberated about three hours in reaching the verdict.

The charges against the six included rape, aggravated assault and battery, and assault with intent to ravish. Those convicted and their sentences are:

Leroy Kelly, 22, and Ivy Lee Crossland, 21, 7½ to 15 years.

Joseph Crossland, 20, and his brother, Robert, 19, cousins of Ivy, and Donald Johnson, 17, 5½ to 15 years.

Roddy Miller, 17, pleaded guilty at the outset of the trial, changed his plea to innocent on one charge during the case, and then pleaded guilty again today. He was sentenced to 5 to 15 years.

27h(1) 1957

SOUTH CAROLINA

9211

Man Is Jailed On Assault Charge

CHARLESTON, S. C. (UPI)—A 31-year-old Charleston Heights white man, charged with raping a 20-year-old Negro girl, was bound over for grand jury action in General Sessions Court here last week, according to Director of County Police Marion J. Williams.

The girl, who was not identified, alleged that John Hutson of Kent Avenue assaulted her in his auto. The ~~girl~~ also a resident of Charleston Heights.

Hutson was held without bond, following a preliminary hearing in magistrate court.

27h(1) 1957

TENNESSEE

9212

NEGRO ASSAILANT INJURES MEMPHIAN

Scuffle Follows As Thug

Lunges At Cashier

Memphis Tenn.

Miss Georgia Mae Forsythe, cashier at the Colonial Tearoom at the Peabody, went to work with bruises and abrasions on her arms yesterday from a middle-of-the-street scuffle she had with a Negro assailant.

Miss Forsythe said she stepped off a bus at Driver and Richmond about 11:40 p.m. Friday and was walking to her home at 1402 South Driver when the man lunged at her. She thought he had a weapon in his hand.

The two fell to the street in a scuffle while Miss Forsythe beat the attacker with the handle of her umbrella and screamed. The man fled when neighbors turned on lights.

Earlier, Mrs. Florence Wehrheim of 47 West Rollins Road, a public photographer at the Peabody, was struck in the face by a Negro man who snatched her purse, containing \$30 as she walked to her car at the rear of the hotel.

The attacker, in each case, fitted the same general description, but police were unable to identify him.

Escaped Convict Quickly Captured Following Attack

HARRIMAN, Tenn., April 24 (AP)—A Negro convict, his prison uniform spattered with blood, was captured near here today within an hour after an intruder had invaded and ravished a woman's house.

Knox County officers identified the Negro as William James Tines, 33-year-old Knoxville man who escaped yesterday from Brushy Mountain State Prison where he was serving a life term for murder.

Police said Tines admitted entering the house and beating the 41-year-old woman but denied raping her. Doctors at Harriman Hospital said she had been ravished.

Tines "just walked off" yester-

day while at work with a timber-cutting crew outside the prison, according to Warden Frank Llewellyn.

At Kingston, Sheriff Robert M. Delaney said he would swear out warrants tomorrow charging Tines with felonious assault with intent to murder and with

Negro confesses

Nashville assault

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 11 (AP)—Police said a 20-year-old Negro last night admitted raping a white woman in her suburban store at noon yesterday.

The man, James Snell of Nashville, is charged with rape. Officers said he dictated and signed a statement admitting the offense.

The woman, 42-year-old mother of two and grandmother of two, told police she was raped three times at gunpoint after being forced into the rear room of her retail establishment in Madison.

She was treated at Madison Sanitarium. It was the latest in a series of rapes in Nashville area business establishments.

9213

Girl Beaten Informer After Rape Sat. 4-27-57 Attempt Fails

HOUSTON — The biblical saying, "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for a friend," took a new twist Friday when possibilities of a charge of rape against a janitor employed at a local theater was bypassed when parents of the girl declined to take action "because the man carried the girl to a doctor."

According to a case worker at the Jefferson Davis Hospital, a 13-year-old girl was brought in and treated for a bruised face. She said she became skeptical when the girl told her she got the bruise sweeping the theater and reported it to the juvenile division. Policewoman A. Ortega questioned the girl closely and learned from the girl that the man had been beating her ever since she started working at the theater at the age of 10.

Sat. 4-27-57
Mrs. Ortega said the girl told her that the man attempted to rape her last Friday and when she rebuffed his advances, he took off his belt and whipped her.

The juvenile division learned that on the same day, the man had carried the girl to a doctor and had paid the bill. The officers said they learned this from the girl's mother who said she did not want to file because the man had carried the girl to the doctor.

Bartender Accused

**Cavender
Co-ed Claims
Rape Near
City Hall**

HOUSTON, Tex. — A 29-year-old bartender at the fabulous Houston Club, which is composed of the state's yearlings, when was

identified by a pretty, trembling 19-year-old Prairie View College co-ed from Hemphill, Tex., as the man who attacked her in the shadow of the City Hall in the heart of downtown Houston.

Arrested by Deputies Red Williams and

Robert Hunter was Langford Nelson, 2610 Cleburne. Deputy Williams said that Nelson is a two-times ex-convict, having served time here and in Louisiana for robbery and burglary.

The girl told how Nelson struck up a conversation with her in the Greyhound bus station Sunday night as she was returning to school.

HE TOLD her he was a Southern University graduate and was son of 7806 Gladstone, a 32-year-in business here. After she visited old ex-convict, arrested for quiescent with him, she told police he found himself in front of the ring of two, white youths and the criminal assault on a 15-year-old

white girl, was fatally shot as he rode with his hands handcuffed behind his back in a police car Monday about 1:20 P.M.

Sat. 4-27-57
Mrs. Ortega said the girl told her that the man attempted to rape her last Friday and when she rebuffed his advances, he took off his belt and whipped her.

It was then that she fled and was found by A. O. Mevay wandering around in a dazed and frightened condition on West Dallas.

Nelson denied he forced his attention on the girl. She accompanied him willingly he said and only fled when the lights of a passing car shone on her.

The deputies said that at least two other girls have been attacked by men who loiter around the station to lure young girls returning to school each Sunday after spending the weekend with their parents. They advised parents to warn their girls about being friendly with such persons.



Nelson

Call Shooting Of Rape Informer Houston Suspect 'An Accident' Sat. 5-18-57

BULLETIN

The INFORMER received a telephone call late Tuesday morning from a person who reported seeing police shoot Mr. Thompson in Sunnyside. The caller said the man was handcuffed and the legs were tied. Officers were apparently trying to make the arrested man run, the witness added.

Other rumors were that several school children also saw the shooting.

HOUSTON - Claudis Lee Thompson, a 32-year-old ex-convict, arrested for quiescent with him, he found himself in front of the ring of two, white youths and the criminal assault on a 15-year-old

white girl, was fatally shot as he rode with his hands handcuffed behind his back in a police car Monday about 1:20 P.M.

Although police say the suspect was accidentally killed, many discrepancies were found in police reports on the incident.

Statements from residents in the area indicate that police arrested Mr. Thompson at 11 AM Monday. However, police give the time of the arrest as 12:50 P.M.

Police, at the time of the fatal shooting, positively identified the accused man as C L Smith, then Clarence Lee Thompson. Later they said the victim of the accident was Claudis Lee Thompson.

According to eyewitnesses, Mr. Thompson was arrested and severely beaten by a "bunch of police men." They added that when police drove away from the accused man's home, officers were still beating him.

Police denied this. However, saying that a photographer from two of the city's daily newspapers were present at the time of the arrest and no harm befell the arrested man.

Through investigation by a team of Informer reporters debunked the police's statement, for each

of the newspapers mentioned denied that any member of their staff was present at the time of the arrest. Both of the papers did have photographers at the scene of the fatal shooting after the man was killed, apparently hours after the arrest.

About 10 minutes before the fatal shooting occurred, several residents of the area of the arrest called The Informer, telling of police beating a Negro man.

Police said that Inspector Joe Clark and Detectives W B Todd and F C Crittenden arrested the suspect and later transferred him into another police cruiser with Detective A E Rockwell, Sheriff's Investigator George Hilton and Inspector Joe Clark.

After the change was made, police said they started back to the Thompson house.

When asked if they had already identified the suspect as the man who raped the teenager, police answered, "Yes."

"Well, why did they drive him around instead of taking him to police headquarters where he could be positively identified by the rape victim?" an Informer reporter asked. Police never did answer his query.

A police spokesman told The Informer:

At the time of the accident, Mr. Thompson was directing officers to the home of Clarence Rhoden of 8123 Canyon. Police say that Mr. Rhoden was one of Mr. Thompson's confederates in the robbery of the Park Place service station where the criminal assault allegedly took place.

Another discrepancy was brought to light when police told The Informer that the weapon which killed Mr. Thompson — a Belgian-made Browning sawed-off, single-barreled, automatic, hammerless 12 gauge shotgun — was laying across the rear seat of the police car in which Mr. Thompson and Insp.

Clark occupied the rear seat. Later, they said the weapon was on Inspector Clark's lap pointed at

the suspect.

The police spokesman said that when the car reached the 8500 block of Southview, it hit a series of bumps in the street and the weapon discharged, snuffing out the life of the arrested man.

Police said a billfold which belonged to one of the robbery victims was found on Mr. Thompson's person and much of the loot taken from the service station was recovered at his home.

The victim of the alleged sex crime said, according to police, that she identified the dead man as her attacker by the tattoo on his arm.

Police told The Informer that Mrs. Nellie Lee Griffin Thompson, reportedly the common-law-wife of the deceased man, waited in the car while her mate committed the sex crime Sunday night.

Insp. Clark said that he "couldn't remember whether or not he had his hands on the trigger of the shotgun."

Police officials Tuesday morning said Insp. Clark was like Elvis Presley's popular rock 'n' roll song hit — "All Shook Up" about the entire incident.

3 Negroes Accused in Rape of White Girl

DENISON, Tex., April 8 (UPI) — Three Negroes raped a 17-year-old white girl last night while her mother was held at gunpoint and charges were filed against two of them today, Police Chief Paul Duran said.

He reported the youth drove the girl to a hospital and reported the assault.

The maximum penalty for rape in Texas is death.

Cops Seek Northside

Aut. 7-6-57

Criminal

HOUSTON — (AP)

HOUSTON — As a 43-year-old woman lay on her bed listening to an eleven o'clock newscast Tuesday night, a masked and gloved man, armed with a butcher knife, broke into her house and raped her, the woman told police Wednesday.

Thursday, a battery of police officers—working on a description given them by the victim—was combing the slum area around Opelousas Street in the northside for the tall, slender youthful rapist—who, according to the victim—is about 185 pounds.

THE SOBBING victim told officers that her husband was at work; that she was listening to the news when suddenly, a gloved hand covered her eyes and mouth and a rough voice ordered her not to move or make any noise.

The matron said when the hand was finally removed from her face, she stared with fear-filled eyes at a man about six feet tall and wearing a white mask over his face. It had holes cut for the eye, she stated. P.10

STILL TREMBLING with terror the victim related that she was clad in bed clothes and her attacker made her remove them before committing the sex crime.

She told police investigators the man held the knife against her body for about 10 minutes while raping her. After completing his crime, the attacker left by way of the back door, the woman said.

27h(1) 1957

VIRGINIA

9214

Nude Girl Flees Thugs

Pitts Beach Va.
PORSCMOUTH, Va. (AP)—A young woman had to flee in the street naked last week to escape from two men who offered her a ride home from a nearby summer resort. The two men turned out to be sexual villains. Stripped of her clothing, the victim escaped from a house near Beach and Oak Street after the two men had criminally assaulted her.

DR. R. D.
The young woman ran into the street shortly after 9 P. M. Saturday night. She told detectives that the two men whom she met on the beach offered to carry her to Portsmouth since they were going "that way."

DR. R. D.
The men, driving a 1950 model green sedan, carried the girl to one house and forced her to take off her clothes.

The victim told police that both men criminally assaulted her before she could escape. She was overpowered and handled roughly despite all her resistance.

She was carried to Portsmouth General Hospital, where physicians examined her and found evidence of an attack, police records show.

The girl told police that one of the men appeared to be about 23 years old, five feet-two inches tall and was "on the stout side." He wore a striped jacket over his bathing suit. The other man was about 25 years old, five feet-six inches tall and weighed about 165 pounds. He wore gray pants and shirt, the girl said.

27(h)(1) 1957

WISCONSIN

9215

Negroes Declare
Milwaukee Prob
Terrorizes Rice

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 10 — 57

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 10 — Police Chief John Polcyn was told last night that a "feeling of terror" has developed among Milwaukee's Negro residents as an outgrowth of the police search for the men who raped four white women in separate incidents in recent months.

Polcyn answered the statements of three leaders of the Milwaukee chapter of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People by saying "our law-abiding Negro citizens need have no fear of being on the streets of Milwaukee after dark."

"We have no other resource but to continue our actions until the right to walk on our streets in safety is assured to all women regardless of race or color," Polcyn said.

Further, it cannot escape public knowledge that the one known fact about these wanted men is their race. This newspaper recognizes that racial identification is irrelevant in many kinds of news reports, and therefore omits it from them. It is given only when it is necessary to a meaningful report—just as any other description is given when needed to tell the story.

As we said above, an intensive operation is not to be avoided if police are to have any hope of cracking an outrageous crime problem like this one. In conducting such an operation it is still necessary, of course, to treat citizens correctly. We believe most Milwaukee officers do; certainly Chief Polcyn's leadership and discipline are scrupulous to that end, and we would quickly condemn any verified cases of mistreatment of anybody.

But there must also be recognition of the overriding police duty to keep Milwaukee—everybody in Milwaukee—safe from sex criminals and other maulers. The Negro community is as well aware of this as any other group. Police work is not pleasant work, and the duty of citizens to cooperate with police may also be inconvenient and irritating. But no innocent person who is honest and direct should have to fear a police questioner.

The common sense discussions of Friday and Saturday between the mayor, the chief and various groups concerned about the interracial atmosphere, should have helped increase understanding along these lines. There is no real reason why a hunt for certain criminals who may not even be Milwaukeeans but who happen to be Negroes should develop a racial crisis in Milwaukee.

~~Advertisement~~
Milwaukee Cops And Racial Sensibilities

~~Montgomery, Ala.~~
POLICE EFFORTS in recent days to solve a pattern of four rape cases in the last six months have inevitably caused much irritation among Negro Milwaukeeans, and have aroused racial sensibilities. However, there is basis for understanding the situation if there is willingness to do so.

The key fact, too widely overlooked or ignored by those who feel a "stigma" on Negroes in general, is that the attackers' Negro coloring just happens to be the leading clue to identification in all four cases; they may have been the same men. It is undeniably a distinctive feature. If the men had been slant eyed or red haired or one legged, that would have been the plus.

So naturally the police seek their quarry among Negroes in these particular cases. And, with so little else to go on, it is no more than thorough police work to question many people whom the officers find to be unfriendly citizens only after talking to them and double checking. Surely in a calm mind this can be distinguished from harassment of the Negro citizenry as such.

As we said above, an intensive operation is not to be avoided if police are to have any hope of cracking an outrageous crime problem like this one. In conducting such an operation it is still necessary, of course, to treat citizens correctly. We believe most Milwaukee officers do; certainly Chief Polcyn's leadership and discipline are scrupulous to that end, and we would quickly condemn any verified cases of mistreatment of anybody.

But there must also be recognition of the overriding police duty to keep Milwaukee—everybody in Milwaukee—safe from sex criminals and other maulers. The Negro community is as well aware of this as any other group. Police work is not pleasant work, and the duty of citizens to cooperate with police may also be inconvenient and irritating. But no innocent person who is honest and direct should have to fear a police questioner.

The common sense discussions of Friday and Saturday between the mayor, the chief and various groups concerned about the interracial atmosphere, should have helped increase understanding along these lines. There is no real reason why a hunt for certain criminals who may not even be Milwaukeeans but who happen to be Negroes should develop a racial crisis in Milwaukee.

INC.

2/1/2

arred

Killer of Wife

PARIS, July 10 (UPI) — French court today gave a former American soldier a two year suspended sentence for stabbing his unfaithful French wife to death.

He is Joseph Daigneault, 38, of Lewiston, Me., who settled here in 1948 after marrying Monique Parfus, a beautiful dancing teacher, while on occupation duty in West Germany.

The court was told this story:

The couple settled in Paris but their happiness did not last. Daigneault, his attorney pleaded, "naive when it came to making love. Monique found another man."

Off For Week-End

Daigneault was furious, especially after his wife went off for a week-end with her lover.

In a last effort to patch things up, the American urged his wife to go to the United States with him for a new start. At first she agreed and got a formal letter to the American embassy.

That evening — April 26, 1952 — he came home with a dozen red roses, got the dinner started and set the table. He carefully arranged the roses as a centerpiece.

But Monique was out having cocktails with her lover. When she came home, Daigneault told her what he had done at the embassy.

Lover Coming Over

"Don't bother for me," she

HUNT RAPIST AS MAN SEEN AS VICTIM

2/1/2

Loop Building Visits Told

2/1/2

An intensive search for an unidentified young blond rapist was under way last night in one of the developments leading from the dis-

closure that the three Chicago boys slain Oct. 16, 1955,

about three hours before their

death.

The search was launched after Adolph Valanis, police artist, exclaimed, "I have drawn this man's face before," while sketching the countenances of a man who had been described as "bothering" one of the boys in previous visits to the building.

Retrace Boys' Steps

Police frustrated in nearly two years of trying to solve the baffling triple murder hoped that the new leads would put them on the trail of the killer, or killers, of Robert Peterson, 14, and John Schuessler, 13, and John's brother, Anton Jr., 11.

The new leads were:

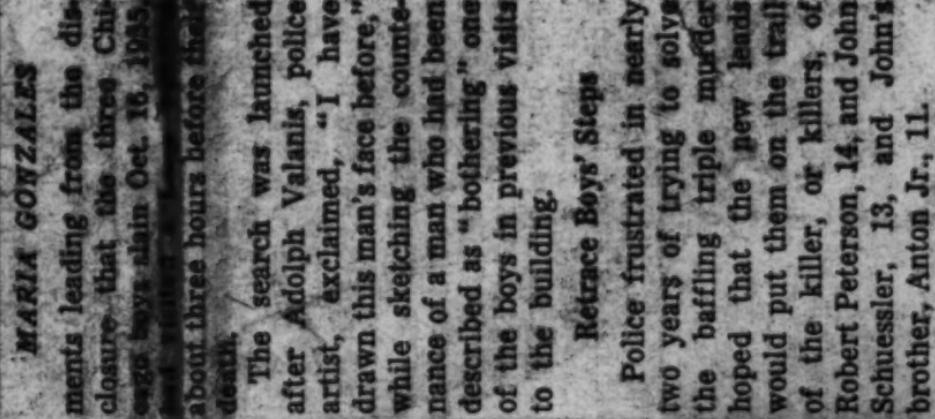
1. The boys, who had attended an afternoon movie at a theater near State and Randolph sts., stopped in at the Garland building, 111 N. Wabash av., at about 6 p. m. and young Peterson signed the register. This was about two hours before the boys were seen—the only previous positive identification—in a Montrose av. bowling alley where they apparently stopped off while on their way to their northwest side homes.

2. A woman eye technician in the Garland building told of the Peterson boy making previous visits to her with his younger sister, Barbara, then 5, who was taking eye exercises, and of a blond teen-ager bothering the children, especially the Peterson boy, in her waiting room, the last time only four days before the boys were killed.

Slight Limp to Right

The young moron was described by Maria Gonzales, an eye technician who has offices in room 820 of the building, as being about 17 to 19, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, with heavy shoulders and a broad chest, and wearing his blond hair pompadour style. She said he walked with what seemed to be a slight limp to the right. Policeman Valanis, sketching the man from her memory, said his sketch was practically identical to one he had made last fall.

The man he drew then, who never has been caught, was a rapist who on Oct. 16, 1956, kidnapped a 22 year old girl, sitting with her fiance in a car



parked at 703 N. Central av., and drove her to the Joliet area and raped her.

The rapist had an accomplice who was heavy set and dark. *(See page 21)*
Meanwhile, *points continued*

A job conducted secretly for about 10 days of checking all tenants and known visitors to the Garland building. About 500 persons have been investigated. *P-2-H*

Mother Helps Police

The theory which made the disclosure of the boys' visit to the building a significant lead was that they may have been lured to the building to meet someone or may have met this person by accident in or outside the building, and that he drove them to the northwest side or made arrangements to meet them there later that night.

They then checked the register of the fatal Sunday, when two policemen were talking to Mrs. Dorothy Peterson, mother of the slain boy, about the boy's previous visits to the Loop. She said he used to take his sister to the Garland building for eye exercises.

Asked to Use Washroom
The boy had signed "Robert Peterson" and said he and his two companions wished to use the washroom on the ninth floor. This washroom is used by children at the eye office because there is none on the eighth floor.

The elevator operator, who recalled the incident, could not provide a description of the two other boys, who apparently were the Schuesslers. However, he said he refused to permit them to accompany young Peterson upstairs. He said he thought the Peterson boy was upstairs for 10 or 15 minutes. The register had his sign out time at 6:05.

The signature was identified as the Peterson boy's by police technicians who compared it with other examples of his writing.

Describes Suspect
Miss Gonzales was interviewed and told this story: On or about July 16, 1954, Barbara Peterson began taking eye exercises. Approximately in that month, Miss Gonzales noticed that a strange man was walking into the sitting room where the children waited. It was separated by a wall with a sliding frosted glass panel. She had no secretary working at that time.

She said she looked out and saw the man, who had a "high forehead and small face," with the previously mentioned other physical characteristics, and wearing a beach shirt with large patterns, talking to a group of children includ-

ing the Peterson boy. The man left when she stared at him. About a month or two later, she saw him again in the waiting room.

The third and last time she saw him was on Oct. 12, 1955, when he was bending over the Peterson boy and talking to him. The boy appeared to be trying to ignore him.

Told to Leave Office

She demanded of the young man, "Do you have any business here?" He said, "No," and she then told him to get out of the office and that if she ever saw him around again, she would call the janitor or building office and have him removed.

She said that when he walked away, he appeared to walk off balance, and that he had a strange look in his eyes. She said she suspected that he was a patient of some psychiatrist in the building.

The time of the incident fitted into a chronology of events which began with the boys going to see the Disney movie, "The African Lion," in the Loop. From then until their positive identification by friends in the Monte Cristo bowling alley, 3326 Montrose av., at about 7:15 to 8 p. m., had been a gap in which no tentative identifications had been placed.

The boys are believed to have arrived in or near the intersection of Kenneth av. and Montrose at about 7 p. m. and then to have gone east to the bowling alley.

They were seen leaving the Monte Cristo by friends who said that they had a purposeful way of departing which seemed to indicate that they were going some place other than their homes.

EXTRA SP O-G M/ THE SEMI-ANNUAL

OPEN AN
EXTRA SP
O-G M/
THE
SEMI-ANNUAL

Thousands of points of the
area included in this sale

O'CONNOR

9216

IN WOODS NEAR BESSEMER—

Two admit girl's shooting attack

Young cashier remains critical

By JOE CAMPBELL, News staff writer

BESSEMER, Ala., Feb. 25.—Around the clock investigation by Bessemer Cutoff deputies has broken the case of a Saturday night attack and critical shooting of a young woman near here, Chief Deputy Clyde Morris said today.

He said two men signed written confessions late Sunday night. They were listed as Joe Falls, 24-year-old ex-convict of 425 Fifth-av, Bessemer, and James Marvin Luffman, 16, of 1925 12th-st, Bessemer. The two white men are being held in County Jail here without bond.

Earlier charges of rape and assault with intent to murder were changed this afternoon to assault with intent to murder and assault with intent to rob.

MEANWHILE the 19-year-old woman victim, a cashier at a Bessemer grocery store, was listed in critical condition at University Hospital in Birmingham.

She was shot through the chin, and the bullet lodged in the back of her neck. The bullet has not yet been removed.

The attack was revealed Saturday night when Curtis King, 24, of 811 18th-st, Bessemer, phoned Bessemer police from a residence near the wooded scene of the attack. King told deputies he had been struck over the head and that two men had attacked him and the girl as they sat in a car in a wooded section off the "Powder Plant road," three miles south of Bessemer.

ACCORDING to the written confession by Falls and Luffman, Chief Morris said the chain of events went in this manner. Falls and Luffman said Saturday morning they went to the vicinity where couples often park with the intention of robbing someone.

They said that although several couples came and left during the day, they did not molest any of them. However, they

Chief Morris said he wished to congratulate the six deputies "for the efficient manner in which they investigated the case." He said Dean headed up the investigation.

King was treated at Doctors Hospital for head injuries after the incident. The young woman was first taken to Bessemer General Hospital and then transferred to University Hospital.

Falls and Luffman parked their car some distance away from the couple, they said.

Finally, Luffman went up to King's car and asked for a light while Falls stayed back a short distance with a rifle.

THEN, Luffman returned to Falls and both went back to King's car. They opened the door and made King get out and get on the ground, they said.

Falls held a rifle on King and Luffman stood over him with a socket wrench. After hitting King on the head with the wrench, they dragged him back to his car and laid him on the floor board in the back of the car.

According to the confession, Chief Morris said, Falls shot the young woman with a .22 caliber rifle.

In Falls' confession the chief deputy said, Falls stated he shot her because she resisted him.

The chief deputy said King said he managed to get hold of his gun in the car and started shooting inside the car. Falls then got out of the car and ran in back of it and King shot through the back of his car at Falls, but missed.

Then Falls and Luffman left the scene and King went to a telephone to call police, Chief Morris added.

Chief Morris credited his deputies with outstanding work in the investigation.

Morris said the deputies who broke the case, were C. E. Walker, W. C. Dean, A. M. Doss, C. W. Stamps, J. T. Helton and Donald Poole.

White Youths

Get 10 Years

On Rape Charge

MOBILE, Ala., March 29

Two white youths who pleaded guilty to a charge of raping a Negro housewife were sentenced in circuit court today to 10 years in prison.

Judge David H. Edington said he will rule April 29 on a probation application by Jessie D. Smith and H. L. Tucker, both 18, of suburban Prichard. They remained free under \$3,000 bond each.

The 29-year-old woman said Smith and Tucker, posing as officers, forced her into their car on Prichard street Dec. 12 and drove her to a rural road where they raped her. The rape conviction penalty is 10 years to death.

Officers said the woman, in her late 20s, gave this account:

She drove to a place where she formerly had been employed to get some money owed her.

She went to another place and had a drink.

When she left the place about 11:30 p.m., the three men walked up as she was getting into her car and forced her into their automobile at gunpoint.

She said she tried to set fire to some loose clothing lying on the back seat but the men slapped her and she remembered little after that except the men stopped on a side road and all three assaulted her.

The girl said the men drove into Mississippi, then finally turned back to Mobile and let her out about 5 a.m.

Charles Edwards, 40-year-old former convict, is charged with murder in the death of Mrs. Helen Odell Falkner, 20, and her 3-year-old son, Jerome, at their home near here last Oct. 26.

Edwards is being tried for the slaying of Mrs. Falkner.

He has repudiated an earlier confession to officers that he stabbed Mrs. Falkner to death. He denied that he raped her.

Dr. C. D. Brooks, state toxicolo-

gist, told of finding several bruises about the young woman's head, one of which he said was severe enough to have rendered her unconscious. He estimated that death occurred 30 minutes after she received the blow on the head.

Brooks said she had been stabbed five times, one of the wounds piercing her heart.

The toxicologist said the child suffered eight knife wounds.

Circuit Court Judge A. L. Hardage ordered a brief recess today when relatives broke into sobs as the shirt worn by Mrs. Falkner at the time of her death was introduced as evidence.

First witness to testify today was Mrs. Inez Abel, 40-year-old companion of Edwards at the time of the slayings. She also is charged with murder.

Mrs. Abel denied that she participated in the crime, adding that

she had taken some narcotics and was sleeping in the car while Edwards was inside the Falkner home.

She said that he later handed her a knife and asked her to throw

White Man Sentenced in
Assault, Intent To

Rape of Race Woman

Jury recommended only a two-year prison sentence to a 19-year-old New Mexico boy, who was found guilty of assault with intent to rape a middle-aged Negro woman here last week.

John Barkley, the defendant, was convicted by a jury which read their guilty verdict before Circuit Judge Alta L. King, Thursday night, May 16. He was sentenced Saturday, May 18.

Deputy County Solicitor E. C. (Bud) Watson handled the prosecution for the state and woman-victim in the trial of Barkley who was tried for criminal rape. Watson, however, asked the jury to find the defendant guilty but did not specify rape. Assault with intent to rape also entailed the rape charge, they said.

Shelton Gilbert, white, a companion of Barkley, already had pleaded guilty of assault and battery in the same case and was fined \$600 and sentenced to six months in prison.

Slain Mother, 20, Assaulted Before Death, Says Expert

COLUMBIANA, Ala., April 29

A state toxicologist testified today that a young mother whom an ex-convict is accused of slaying was raped.

Charles Edwards, 40-year-old former convict, is charged with murder in the death of Mrs. Helen Odell Falkner, 20, and her 3-year-old son, Jerome, at their home near here last Oct. 26.

She said she had passed out in the car and did not know how long Edwards was in the house.

Charles H. Brasher, 13, told how he found a knife described as the murder weapon, which he turned over to Shelby Sheriff Hugh Sims.

Dr. C. D. Brooks, state toxicolo-

gist from the car window.

The woman told of leaving Coalburg, Ala., about noon Oct. 26, and driving with Edwards to the Falkner home. She said they had taken some narcotics, with a can of beer, and stopped at the Falkner home where they asked for water.

She said she had passed out in the car and did not know how long Edwards was in the house.

Charles H. Brasher, 13, told how he found a knife described as the murder weapon, which he turned over to Shelby Sheriff Hugh Sims.

Dr. C. D. Brooks, state toxicolo-

Wife Was Molested Prosecution Claims

COLUMBIANA, April 25 (AP)—A state toxicologist testified today that a young mother whom an ex-convict is accused of slaying was criminally assaulted.

Charles Edwards, 40-year-old former convict, is charged with murder in the death of Mrs. Helen Odell Falkner, 24, and her 3-year-old son, Jerome, at their farm home near here last Oct. 26.

Edwards is being tried for the slaying of Mrs. Falkner.

He has repudiated an earlier confession to officers that he stabbed Mrs. Falkner to death. He denied that he molested her.

Dr. C. D. Brooks, state toxicologist, testified that an autopsy showed that the young mother had been molested shortly before her death.

Brooks told also of finding several bruises about the young woman's head, one of which was severe enough to have rendered her unconscious. He estimated that death occurred 30 minutes after she received the blow on the head.

Brooks said she had been stabbed five times, one of the wounds piercing her heart. He said this was believed to have been the immediate cause of death.

The toxicologist said the child suffered eight knife wounds in the back.

Circuit Judge A. L. Hardgrave ordered a brief recess today when relatives broke into sobs as the bloody shirt worn by Mrs. Falkner at the time of her death was introduced as evidence.

First witness to testify today was Mrs. Inez Abley 40-year-old companion of Edward's at the time of the slayings.

Mrs. Abel described a morbid life of burglaries, narcotic addiction, shooting sprees and other underworld activities.

Under questioning, she denied that she participated in the crime, adding that she had taken some narcotics and was sleeping in the car while Edwards was inside the Falkner home.

She said that he later handed her a knife and asked her to throw it from the car window. The woman told of leaving Coalgate, Ala., about noon Oct. 28, and driving with Edwards to the Falkner home. She said they had taken more narcotics, with a can of beer, and stopped

at the Falkner home where they asked for water.

She said she had "passed out" in the car and did not know how long Edwards was in the house.

Charles H. Brasher, 13, told how he found a knife described as the murder weapon, which he turned over to Shelby Sheriff Hugh Sims.

At Bessemer—

New
Bessemer, Ala.

BY JOE CAMPBELL

News staff writer

BESSEMER, Ala., May 11—A series of fast-breaking developments may precede the rape trial Monday of an ex-convict, a 15-year-old industrial school named Falls.

Court-appointed attorneys for one of them, Joseph Falls, 24, have indicated they will do all in their power to clear Falls, who was released last year from Kilby Prison where he served time on a burglary conviction.

FALLS AND YOUNG James Marvin Luffman, both white men, are charged with raping an 18-year-old woman in a wooded section near here on the night of Feb. 23. They are also scheduled to face trial on charges of assault with intent to murder

and assault with intent to rob the young woman and Curtis King, 24, of 811 18th St. Bessemer.

Officers said the young woman remains paralyzed from a gun shot wound suffered during the attack. Whether her physician will permit her to testify, because of her condition, was not revealed.

Among the pretrial developments will be Circuit Judge F. R. Mathews' ruling on a motion for a change of venue. The motion was made by Norman and Vincent Brown, attorneys for Falls, who presented copies of The Birmingham News and The Birmingham Post-Herald at a hearing on the motion Friday. Judge Mathews took the motion under advisement until Monday.

The defense attorneys based their motion for moving the trial out of Bessemer on grounds that headlines in The News and Post-Herald Feb. 25 and 26 indicated Falls had confessed to the attack. They contend Falls made no such confession.

The men, identified as John W. Stivender Jr., 31, of 529 North 17th Street, and Richard H. Mulligan, 30, of 321 North Third Avenue, both white, of Bessemer, are booked on charges of kidnapping, attempted murder. Mulligan was additionally charged with sodomy.

Stivender and Mulligan are charged with allegedly forcing Albert Pendleton, 17, 121 North 8th Street and told him to "get in the Avenue, into an automobile near car". He said that when the small-13th Street and North Fourth Avenue, around 11:40 o'clock Thursday the car away, the other man forced, May 30, taking him to a ruined him to take off his clothes. He moped area known as Coleman Lake, said as the car was in operation, and beating and cutting him with the larger man forced him to submit a knife, after one of the men held him sexually attacking him.

The young victim, Alvin Enton, of 131 North 8th Street, Bessemer, said that he was along 13th Street near E. 13th Avenue, around 11:30 o'clock Thursday night, May 30, when the two men in a light green Plymouth car pulled up to a stop.

He said one of the men, the larger of the two, pulled a gun on Albert Pendleton, 17, 121 North 8th Street and told him to "get in the Avenue, into an automobile near car". He said that when the small-13th Street and North Fourth Avenue, around 11:40 o'clock Thursday the car away, the other man forced, May 30, taking him to a ruined him to take off his clothes. He moped area known as Coleman Lake, said as the car was in operation, and beating and cutting him with the larger man forced him to submit a knife, after one of the men held him sexually attacking him.

Attack case defense seeks change of venue

Another aspect of the case is the filing of interrogatories to Dr. Berney S. Clay for written answers which the Browns said will be presented in court. Dr. Clay is currently serving a six months sentence in Atmore Prison on his conviction on charges of unlawful possession of barbiturates.

FALLS AND HIS WIFE were state's witnesses in Dr. Clay's trial last year. Mrs. Falls was indicted by a Grand Jury on a charge of unlawful possession of barbiturates, but her case was not pressed.

Asked to comment on the interrogatories Dep. Sol. Howard Sullinger said only that law requires he be given a 10-day notice when a request for one is filed.

The defense attorneys indicated their request for interrogatories was filed Wednesday or Thursday.

Atty. Edward Saunders, representing young Luffman, pleaded that the 15-year-old boy's trial be transferred to Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in contending that Luffman is a minor. Judge Mathews denied the plea for transfer.

Both Falls and Luffman when arraigned indicated they will plead not guilty by reason of insanity.

Two Bessemer
For Sex Attack On Negro Boy

BESSEMER, Ala.—(SNS)—Two Bessemer white men accused of allegedly beating and cutting an 18-year-old Negro boy and forcing him to commit an unnatural sexual act with one of them, remained in Bessemer County jail in view of \$2,500 bonds each, last weekend, the sheriff's office said.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Clyde Pendleton said that, upon arrival, who led the investigation and rival at Coleman Lake, an isolated arrest, said Pendleton picked the area near the Tennessee River suspects out of a police lineup, late of Bessemer, the car stopped and Wednesday, June 6. Pendleton the men ordered him out. He said said that while the men were taking him to the stop where he was pipe and later cut him with a knife attacked, they forced him to pull off all of his clothes.

Police records show that Pendleton suffered an eight-inch cut on his chest, two smaller cuts Bessemer Police Chief George Barron on the back and a bruised shoulder. City Detectives Lawton Grimes der. Pendleton, after escaping his Sr. and A. M. Eubanks and Sheriff's attackers, ran to a white family's Deputies C. E. Walker and Walter home where he was given some clothing to put on. He reported C. Dean.

The suspects were arrested Wednesday, June 5.

Seek Whites For Crime Against Boy

BESSEMER, Ala.—(SNS)—County sheriff's deputies of the Bessemer division were still very busy last weekend and earlier this week seeking the whereabouts of two white men who are accused of allegedly sexually attacking and beating an 18-year-old Bessemer Negro boy in a wooded area near

White Men Held For Sex Attack On Negro Boy

here, one night last week. Deputy Walter Dean said that he and his fellow officers had no new developments in the case, late Saturday. They said the two white men apparently kidnapped the boy, forced him to submit to them sexually and then beat and cut him with a knife.

27h(2) 1957

ALABAMA

9217

**\$5,000 Bond
Set For Youth
In Rape Case**

By NELSON COLE

A 16-year-old youth was bound over to the grand jury yesterday costs on the second. from Recorder's Court on a charge of raping a 12-year-old girl. Bond was set at \$5,000 for hard labor for disorderly conduct; Kenneth Dunlap, 243 Riverside Dr., Robert W. Matthews, 3226 East St., \$25 and costs for reckless driving; Sam L. Myrick, 715 Orum St., \$25 and costs for vagrancy; James Tolliver, 533 Lincoln St., 30 days for escaping; and T. S. Walker, Deatsville, \$25 and costs for vagrancy.

The girl, visiting here with her sister, is from Coffee County. She told in composed terms the details of the alleged attack. Originally charged with carnal knowledge, Dunlap's charge was changed to rape by Waller after testimony from the girl.

Quite candidly she answered Judge Waller's statement of "you are fairly large for a 12-year-old" with "Oh, yes, everyone tells me that."

REACTS EMOTIONALLY

It was Dunlap who reacted emotionally to most of the proceedings. Never testifying, the youth broke into tears toward the latter part of the hearing and stood sobbing while Judge Waller set his bond.

Atty. George Dean, who entered a plea of not guilty for Dunlap, asked Judge Waller if a lower bail might not be set since the grand jury would not convene again until November.

"Because of this family's financial condition I'm quite sure that under such a bond Dunlap will have to remain in jail until that time," he said.

The judge declined to reconsider the bail, however, and said the nature of the case precluded any lower bond.

TWO OTHERS BOUND OVER

Two other persons also were bound over to the grand jury yesterday from the lower court.

Bertha Moore, 411 Flood St., charged with murdering her husband, waived preliminary hearing and was bound over under \$1,500 bond.

Willie Wilson, 508 Auburn St., was charged with violating state whisky revenue laws and bond was set at \$300. He is accused

of transporting 21 five-gallon jugs of untaxed whisky.

Cecil Perry, 500 Holcombe St., was convicted of four accounts of false pretenses and given 30 days at hard labor in each case. Judge Waller said the sentences were to run concurrently.

Nathaniel Robinson, 829 Murray St., was convicted of two charges of petty larceny and fined \$50 and lower bond.

might not be set since the grand jury would not convene again until November.

"Because of this family's financial condition I'm quite sure that under such a bond Dunlap will have to remain in jail until that time," he said.

The judge declined to reconsider the bail, however, and said the nature of the case precluded any

lower bond.

**Woman Tells
Of Assaults
In Rape Trial**

**\$5,000 Bond
Set For Youth
In Rape Case**

By NELSON COLE

A 16-year-old youth was bound over to the grand jury yesterday year-old husband. The defendant from Recorder's Court on a charge of raping a 12-year-old girl. Bond was set at \$5,000 for Elmer Ray Brown, 29, also charged in the case is to be tried by Judge Luther Waller.

Originally charged with carnal

knowledge, Dunlap's charge was

changed to rape by Waller after

home early in the morning, forced

their way in with threats and raped

The girl, visiting here with her

sister, is from Coffee County. She

told in composed terms the de-

tails of the alleged attack.

Quite candidly she answered

Judge Waller's statement of "you

are fairly large for a 12-year-old"

hit him a couple of times and

with "Oh, yes, everyone tells me

that."

REACTS EMOTIONALLY

It was Dunlap who reacted emo-

tional to most of the proce-

dings. Never testifying, the youth

broke into tears toward the latter

part of the hearing and stood sob-

bing while Judge Waller set his

bond.

Atty. George Dean, who entered

a plea of not guilty for Dunlap,

asked Judge Waller if a lower bail

was set at \$300. He is accused

**Man held without
bond in rape case**

A young service station attendant was being held in County Jail today in connection with the rape of a Chalkville housewife last night. Roland L. Crenshaw, 23, of 7702 Fifth-av. n., was held without bond pending preliminary hearings.

The housewife, 20, told sheriff's deputies she was alone at home when Crenshaw came there. They talked about an hour, she said, and Crenshaw choked her and forced her to submit to him.

27h(2) 1957

ARKANSAS

9218

Criminal Assault Woman Attacked, Saves Child

CLAIMED BY WOMAN

Advertiser 27-2

Attackers Threatened Child, Memphis, Tenn.
She Charges

FORT SMITH, Ark., April 9.—A 21-year-old housewife told police today that she was raped by two white men who held her and her 3-year-old daughter captive for six hours on a lonely country road.

(AP)—A 21-year-old housewife told police Tuesday that she was criminally assaulted by two

white men who held her and her 3-year-old daughter captive for six hours on a lonely country road.

Fort Smith Detective Clyde Grigsby said that the woman's story appeared to be authentic. Grigsby said that the young woman told this story.

A man stepped into her car as she drove into a laundry here at about 7 p.m. yesterday, threatened her child and forced her to drive across the river to Van Buren and out along rural roads. Another man followed in another car.

Detective Grigsby said that she told this story:

A man stepped into her car as she drove into a laundry here at about 7 p.m. Monday, threatened her child and forced her to drive across the river to Van Buren and out along rural roads. Another man followed in another car.

She said that each of the men assaulted her three times and finally drove off and left her with her daughter. The woman said that the men at first debated whether to throw away the keys to her car but finally decided to leave them with her.

She said that she was unfamiliar with the roads and had difficulty in finding her way back home. She arrived home about 2 a.m.

Her husband then called police. Detective Grigsby started an investigation after the woman was examined by a physician.

The woman said that the men brandished no weapons but threatened the child several times.

27-2-2

She said that she was unfamiliar with the roads and had difficulty in finding her way back home. She arrived home about 2 a.m.

9219

Local Man Waives Extradition; To Face Rape Charge In Calif

Informant Sat. 3-9-57 Houston, Texas

BY OZELIA J DIXON

HOUSTON — A 22-year-old Houston and Fort Bend County man waived extradition and was carried back to Los Angeles Monday to face a rape charge made against him February 1 by a Latin American woman in Los Angeles.

Emmanuel Cockrell, who gave his Houston address as 2209 Tuam, had been in Houston since February 6 from Los Angeles where he had been working when the alleged incident occurred.

In County Jail here facing a charge resulting from a dice game shooting Feb 13, the suspect denied in a sworn statement to Houston officers that he committed the crime. As a courtesy to the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, the Houston authorities dismissed the shooting charge against the suspect he told the officer that he was so as to permit him to leave immediately.

Inside the cafe there were two men and the woman. The woman I Harris, a detective in the Los Angeles Police Department, the men told her suspect left Houston Monday by plane. Lt Harris is a Negro.

In a sworn statement before Harold Ostley, county clerk, in Los Angeles County, Mrs Pila Davis, 1125 West 30th Street, said

she was beaten in a cab by the suspect, forced into a parked car, and hailed a cab. When the cab turned a corner, he saw the woman come out of the cafe and walk down the sidewalk and he stopped

The suspect was identified by the driver of the cab, Hugh Franklin Sublett, employee of the Yeller Cab company.

Mr Sublett pointed out a picture which answered the description given Los Angeles Police by the woman.

Mrs Davis said in her statement that she got off from work as a cook's helper in a restaurant and caught a "red car" from San Pedro. She then took a taxi from the bus station home about 2 a.m.

While she was in the cab, the driver picked up a man and went to a place in the vicinity of 1435 East 18th Street, she said. While in the cab, the man struck her key and was apparently too long

with his fists and chocked her and key, and struck me. I bumped then forced her out of the cab into a parked car in a driveway where she said the alleged rape took place.

In an interview with The Informer, the suspect, a slender, youth, obviously nervous and badly in need of a shave and a haircut, said he "almost finished hig school" in his native Rosenberg, Texas. He again denied, Saturday, that he had any relationship with the woman by force. He said she consented for a price and the Municipal Court of Los Angeles.

He had got off from work as a married and has a small stepson, dishwasher at Aldo's and had been admitted that he had been arrested

stopped by a policeman "to see ed here and in Los Angeles on into a cafe and saw the woman, except for one case and that was held on a misdemeanor involving family trouble over the little boy whom he says he loves "as if he was mine."

The dice game shooting, he said, resulted from crooked dice.

He said he demanded his money after he found out the dice were crooked and in the argument that followed he shot, but did not know he hit anyone, until the next day. He then gave himself up and was placed in jail where he remained until he was carried back to Los Angeles.

The man who was shot was reported only slightly injured.

The suspect said he had gone to Los Angeles last year before the month of May and had first worked at a barber shop. He had re-

ceived a letter in January from his boss here in Houston that he was wanted back on his job and left Los Angeles for Houston by bus about five days after the alleged rape, the suspect said. But before

he could get back on the job for an engineering inspection company laboratory, the dice-shooting incident had landed him in jail, he said.

Pictures in the Los Angeles Police Department from which the suspect was identified, were tak-

en on the occasions he was arrested for gambling there, he said.

3 Marines Held

On Rape Charge

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 27 — Three Camp Pendleton Marines

were arraigned in Mu-

nicipal Court today on charges

of kidnaping and raping a

mother of five children.

Heads of the camp jail

and hit me again. I hit her back

and she got out. I got out and we

tussled and she dropped her purse

and the things fell out of it.

"I picked the things up and put

them back into the purse and we

went and got into my brother's

parked car that was in his drive-

way."

The rape charge was filed in

Commercial Appeal

ARKANSAN ADMITS MOLESTING CHILD

Man Held On Suspicion By California Officers

SUN. APR. 7 —

WEST COVINA, Calif., April 6.

(AP) — Sheriff's deputies said

light-skinned Arkansas

man Samuel Williams admitted kidnaping, molesting and beating 3-

year-old Barbara Allen.

Kenneth Williams, 24, of Paris,

Ark., was booked on suspicion

of kidnaping. Williams, an in-

strument calibrator, has been

living in nearby Alhambra since

his recent arrival here.

Sheriff's Inspector Floyd Ros-

enberg quoted Williams as say-

ing he took the girl from her

mother's car, drove her to an

orange grove in West Covina and

then struck her with a rock be-

cause she screamed when he

molested her.

The girl was kidnaped from

Mrs. Duane Allen's car Friday

in La Puente. Physicians at Co-

ynia Community Hospital say the

child is in serious condition. She

suffered a depressed skull frac-

ture.

Williams was picked up in

nearby Monte Vista, where he

wanted back on his job and left

was found sleeping in his car.

An all-points police bulletin had

been broadcast for a man an-

swering his description.

Mrs. Allen told police she left

Barbara and 2-year-old Jimmy

Allen in the car while she went

to a nearby restaurant to cash a

check. She said a man in his

20's sitting in a nearby auto

offered to watch the children

while she was gone. When she

returned Jimmy told her the man

had driven away with Barbara.

The little girl was found nude and unconscious an hour later at the edge of an orange grove near the South Hills Country Club. Besides the depressed skull fracture she has a shoulder injury.



MELVIN M. BAKKERUD AND TORTURE KIT.

Man Admits Torture Rape Of Girl at San Francisco

News & Observer Sun. 8-4-37 P.1

Raleigh N.C.
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 4 (AP)—Police said today a young man has admitted the "torture kit" rape of a girl in Golden Gate Park—a crime for which another youth has been held in jail 10 days.

Capt. D. E. McKlem announced that physical evidence in the kit, including handcuffs, butcher knife, razor and glasses worn by the rapist, was found in the home of Melvin N. Bakkerud, 21.

McKlem said the 5-foot unemployed warehouseman admitted the sadistic rape of a 19-year-old student nurse the night of July 20.

John Rexinger, 23, who steadfastly declared his innocence, said he was greatly relieved by Bakkerud's admission.

"I feel as though a steamroller has been lifted off my chest," said Rexinger who was still held for parole violation. Rexinger had served a term in San Quentin Prison on check charges.

The nurse, whose name has not been made public, previously had confronted Rexinger from her hospital bed and was quoted as exclaiming, "That's him, that's him, that's him!"

Today a hospital spokesman said the nurse was "kind of shaken" when told that a man other than Rexinger had admitted attacking her. The spokesman quoted the girl: "I never said for sure that he—Rexinger—was the man."

The nurse and her escort, John Lonergan, were accosted in their car in the park the night of July 20. At knife point, Lonergan was tied up, the girl was handcuffed, raped twice, and then tortured. Her hair was cut off and she was burned with a cigarette.

For Burglary.

Bakkerud was arrested on charges of burglarizing a pharmacy and with possession of narcotics.

Questioned about the rape, Bakkerud readily admitted his guilt, McKlem said, and remarked no was "glad it was all over."

McKlem quoted Bakkerud as saying: "I read a detective magazine story about a rape case. It told how the guy tied the girl up and raped her."

Asked why he had cut off his victim's hair, Bakkerud said, "I let her to look like me." He

had his hair shorn a year ago as the result of a head injury suffered in an auto accident.

McKlem said Bakkerud led officers to where he had hidden his "torture kit" in the basement of his home.

The kit, besides the handcuffs, knife, razor and glasses, contained a pillowcase with the nurse's shorn hair, two roles of tape with which the victims were bound, and two women's stockings.

The rapist wore a stocking on his head.

A wristwatch belonging to Lonergan also was found, McKlem said.

Dist. Atty. Thomas C. Lynch said Bakkerud, a 123-pound muscular youth who is an amateur weightlifter, would be booked on charges of robbery, kidnap and rape.

Massive Manhunt Sweeps Area For California Rapist-Killer

Adelanto, Calif., July 23 (AP)—A vast manhunt was organized today for the gunman who raped a 15-year-old girl, stole a car, then killed two policemen who stopped him for a traffic violation.

Police from five neighboring communities on the southern fringe of Los Angeles joined in the search after the bodies of El Segundo policemen Richard Phillips, 29, and Milton Curtis, 25, were found at 2:30 a.m.

Phillips was shot three times in the back. Curtis, also shot three times, managed to crawl back into the police car and hollered out a call for an ambulance over the police radio before he died.

His plea brought police cars racing to the scene within minutes, but the motorist already had vanished. The car he had been driving was found four blocks away. Its rear end was pierced by three bullets fired by the dying Phillips.

Police said the car had been reported stolen just an hour earlier by four teen-agers. The youngsters said a husky, blond gunman had surprised them in a lover's lane where they were parked, raped one of the two girls and then driven off in the car.

A wave of confusion swept in

Hermosa Beach— Car Found.

The car the two policemen had stopped was found abandoned.

Killed were officers Richard Phillips, 29, El Segundo, and Milton Curtis, 25, of Hawthorne.

Police said they pulled up behind the killer's car and Mr. Phillips got out to write a while Mr. Curtis remained behind.

Shot in Back.

Mr. Phillips was shot in the back three times, police said. Mr. Curtis leaped from the police car and was felled by bullets.

Before he died, Mr. Phillips fired six shots at the fleeing car. Three of his bullets were found in the car.

Mr. Phillips also managed to stagger to the radio in his car and gasp:

"Send ambulance."

Ambulance Too Late.

An ambulance arrived only minutes later, but it was too late.

Earlier today, police reported, a man had confronted two young couples in a parked car in a lovers' lane and forced them all to disrobe.

He ordered all but one girl back into their car, police said, and tied their hands behind their backs.

Assaulted Girl.

Then, officers said, he assaulted the girl who remained outside.

He climbed back into the car, started it and forced all four to walk naked ahead of the auto, threatening to run them down.

The youngsters said he sped off in their car about 10 minutes later. That was about an hour before the two officers were shot.

Cop-Killing Rapist Hunted on Coast

By the Associated Press.

HAWTHORNE, Calif., July 22.—Two El Segundo police officers were found shot to death today where they had stopped a car for a minor traffic violation.

Authorities sought a man they believe attacked a 15-year-old girl in a lovers' lane earlier.

A widespread manhunt was joined by policemen from Los Angeles, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach and

27h(2) 1957

CONNECTICUT

9220

offenders and released after questioning.

Unemployed for Months.

Thomaston police described him as a drifter and said he had been unemployed for months. He was a machine operator and told police during interrogation that he had just taken 5-20-57

He was rushed to a hospital. His stomach was pumped out and he was released the next day. Police were waiting for him and took him into custody on a breach of the peace charge.

Investigators examining the rest of his testimony later found discrepancies and went to his home Friday. While they were there, Davies went to the bathroom and attempted suicide by taking six sleeping accepted a job in Winsted.



United Press Telephoto.

George J. Davies, accused of slaying 9-year-old Brenda Jane Doucette, covers up in Bristol (Conn.) police station sexual assault.

Admits Killing Connecticut School Girl

May 5-20-57
Convicted Sex
Offender Confesses
Bristol Crime

By the Associated Press.

BRISTOL, Conn., May 20. — Police said a convicted sex offender confessed today to the week-old slaying of 9-year-old Brenda Jane Doucette. They said George J. Davies, 38, of Thomaston, admitted picking up the blonde third grader on her way to school "with the intent of committing

New Haven County Detective Thomas Laden quoted Davies, the father of three children, as saying he "killed her when she began to scream," stabbing her repeatedly with a screwdriver and knotting her sweater around her neck.

Previous Record.

Davies was arrested on a coroner's warrant. It charges he killed the youngster after driving her to an isolated spot in nearby Wolcott.

Police said Davies had a previous record of morals offenses in Thomaston and Litchfield. They said he was arrested in 1952 and sentenced to three years in state prison for molesting two little girls.

He was paroled in August, 1954, and returned to live with his mother and father in Thomaston. His wife, who had borne him three children, divorced him while he was in jail.

Davies had been under suspicion in the slaying as long as last Tuesday, one day after the killing. He was picked up along with 50 other known sex

27h(2) 1957

D.C. Man Freed in Rape of Child

A Washington man was freed yesterday in a rape case involving a 12-year-old District girl, but his 17-year-old companion still faces a hearing.

Judge Nita S. Hinman Crane ruled in Upper Marlboro Juvenile Court there was insufficient evidence to hold Jimmie Rae Windham, 22, of the 300 block of Thirty-fourth street N.E., on a charge of assault with intent to rape.

The granted a continuance to the younger youth until January 29 in the same court. He is charged with rape.

Skating Rink Meeting

The Southeast Washington girl testified she met the two men at a Bladensburg skating rink on the night of December 28 and left with them about 11:15 p.m. She said they drove to Annapolis and, on the way back, stopped along U. S. Route 30 near Bowie, where the 17-year-old youth had relations with her. She said the other man did not attack her.

Judge Criticizes Parents

Afterward, she told the court, the pair drove her back into Washington and let her out about 1:15 a.m., when she called her parents. Prince Georges County Detectives Robert Cabral and John Wilding made the arrests about six hours later.

Judge Crane was sharply critical of the girl's parents, who accompanied her to court. She said they really should be the ones held responsible for their daughter's actions, but added she was powerless to do so "until such time as the State starts bringing action against parents."

"I can't imagine parents allowing a 12-year-old girl out by herself—a 12-year-old girl can't take care of herself" the judge said.

Boy Convicted of Assault on Girl, 8

A 16-year-old boy was found guilty of assault yesterday in Juvenile Court, after a tearful little girl testified that he had thrown her on a bed and threat-

Airman Arrested in Rape Case

Willis L. Grove, 24-year-old Fort Myer airman, was arrested yesterday in connection with the kidnaping and rape of a 22-year-old Government girl last December.

Airman First Class Grove was picked up while on duty by Arlington Dets. William H. Dinsmore and Leroy J. Rasmussen. He was charged with felonious assault and abduction of the girl, a Department of Interior employee and modeling student.

Bond was set at \$10,000 on each count.

The girl was walking home from a bus stop on Columbia Pike in Arlington on Dec. 4, when a man forced her into his car at knife point, she told police.

The man threatened and beat her during a terror-filled ride into Fairfax County, then attacked her after stopping the car near Centreville, Va., she told police. She said he then drove her back into Arlington and left her about three blocks from her home.

Grove, who lives at 818 S. Florida st. Arlington, has been stationed at Fort Myer since August. Previously, he was stationed in Korea and at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. He is married and the father of a three-year-old son.

Grove's auto, a 1948 gray Plymouth sedan, was impounded by Arlington police. A warrant for rape will be obtained against Grove in Fairfax, according to Virginia State Trooper John G. Dula.

Boy Convicted of Assault on Girl, 8

A 16-year-old boy was found guilty of assault yesterday in Juvenile Court, after a tearful little girl testified that he had thrown her on a bed and threat-

ened to hurt her if she challenged him.

The girl, who was eight years old at the time of the offense, signed a police statement that she had come to the boy's apartment after he asked her to buy some groceries for him.

Later, when someone came to the door, the child testified she ran out.

A probation worker described the defendant, who was 15 at the time of the offense, as a maladjusted youngster who recently had to drop out of school to care for his ailing mother.

Taking into account that it was his first Juvenile Court appearance, Judge Edith H. Cockrill, placed him on probation, warning him, "For a 15-year-old boy to take advantage of an 8-year-old girl is something that cannot be tolerated."

Youth Held In Assault On Girl, 5

Police Say Suspect

Was a Guest in
Home of Victim

A 19-year-old Silver Spring youth was charged yesterday with assault with intent to rape a 5½-year-old girl.

Montgomery County Police said they arrested Ronald Earl Hicks, of 1604 Lansdowne Way, about a half mile from the Silver Spring home of the victim. Hicks was held under \$7500 bond, police said.

According to detectives, the child's parents said they met Hicks in a tavern Friday night. The parents said the girl and another of their children were with them.

The parents said they took Hicks home with them and began a card game, according to detectives. Hicks later excused himself and left the room, the parents said. Detectives quoted the mother as saying she heard her daughter cry out, entered the child's bedroom, and found the suspect near the girl. Hicks fled and the mother telephoned police, detectives said.

Ex-Janitor Held On Rape Charge

An ex-janitor at Alexandria's Hunting Towers apartment was held for the March 7 grand jury Thursday on a charge of "statutory burglary with intent to rape" the wife of an Army lieutenant.

William A. Woodson, 22, listed at 36 Q st. ne., Washington, was ordered held at a preliminary hearing before Alexandria Police Court Judge James N. Colasanto.

Police said the woman, 23, claimed she was awakened in her apartment on Feb. 29 by a man who put a pillow over her head and made an indecent proposal. Judge Colasanto reduced Woodson's \$10,000 bond to \$5000.

Youth 17, Held For Grand Jury On Rape Charge

Police Say Suspect

Was a Guest in
Home of Victim

A 17-year-old youth was held for grand jury action yesterday on charges of housebreaking, robbery and rape. Juvenile Court waived jurisdiction before his preliminary hearing in Municipal Court.

Police said the youth, Raymond B. Echols, of 434 Falls terrace se., had been identified by a 30-year-old woman as the man who attacked her at knife-point after breaking into her home on April 10. Police said he was involved in another rape of a southeast Washington woman. Judge Andrew J. Edward Jr. ordered the youth held without bond.

The four boys appeared yesterday before U. S. Commissioner James F. Splain, who continued their cases until Tuesday. He ordered the youths held without bond.

Two of the 15-year-olds also

are charged with a \$47 purse snatching Feb. 3 in the 400

block of 10th st. sw. Judge

Cockrill agreed to hear this

said. He also was charged with

case.

United States Commissioner

Judge Edith H. Cockrill waived jurisdiction in the case to District Court.

According to police, the boys

—three 15 and one 16—told of

attacking the woman near 9th

D.C.

Ex-Janitor Held On Rape Charge

At 3-2-57

and E sts. sw.

Splain refused to set bond, since the boys are charged with a capital offense. The same charge against a fifth boy, James N. Lewis, 18, listed at 822 Springman ct. sw., is pending before the grand jury.

Arrested in his bed at 11 o'clock last night, Douglas revealed that one of three shots fired by Pvt. James E. Simmons hit him in the left hip, coursed through the inner side of his right thigh and emerged from the front.

Pvt. Simmons had reached Mrs. Ferretti's home in answer to a neighbor's alarm in time to see a colored youth crash through rear French doors, leap from a 11-foot porch and dash through an areaway. The policeman fired three times, but he continued to run and outsped Pvt. Simmons in a three-block chase.

Douglas told police he washed the wound, and put a patch on it. He also had a slight cut on his head and right shoulder from crashing through the French doors.

Major credit for Douglas' arrest was accorded Pvt. Henry Trevathan of the United States Capitol police. He questioned a group of juveniles about a stolen bicycle which Douglas rode to the Ferretti home and later abandoned.

He was told the bike was stolen by Douglas' 14-year-old brother. When the latter was questioned at home, he put the finger on the 18-year-old. Detectives Orville L. Erfert, Thomas R. Russell and Walter G. Grant of the Ninth Precinct, then got the older boy out of bed and questioned him.

Last night Douglas was taken before Mrs. Ferretti, who is to leave the hospital today, and was identified. Lt. Bonaccorsy agreed to hear this said. He also was charged with

Youth Shot by Policeman Held on Attack Charge

At 3-2-57

robbery, involving \$15 which

bullet wound after he was shot and with housebreaking.

Lt. Nunzio Bonaccorsy said Charles Leroy Douglas, 18, of the 1500 block of Massachusetts avenue S.E., admitted attacking and robbing Mrs. Charlotte Ferretti, 37, but denied any sexual motive.

However, Douglas said Mrs. Fer-

17-Year-Old Charged In Rape of 2 Women

Post Times Herald Washington, D.C.
Lun. 4-23-57
A 17-year-old boy was arrested yesterday and charged with raping two southeast Washington housewives, one of whom was assaulted on Nov. 5, 1955, and the other on April 10 this year.

Police said the suspect, Raymond B. Echols, of 4434 Falls Terrace se., also was charged with two counts of housebreak-of other housebreakings and in connection with the at-attacks on women.

Echols, who will be 18 on May 10, said he attempted to completed s even years of the attack a 20-year-old housewife schooling and that his only scene before closing arguments breaking into her home in the amateur groups.

Police said Echols, a 5-foot-9, 4000 block of D st. se., police reported. Police said Echols told them he fled when she screamed as he cut her on the chin with a knife.

Record to Age 12

Police said the youth had a housebreaking record dating back to when he was 12 years old. Detectives reported they recovered property stolen in four recent housebreakings in Echols' home yesterday.

Echols was arrested in the 4800 block of Benning rd. se. about 3 a. m. yesterday by 14th Precinct Pts. Benjamin Chaplin and Carlton Rogers, who said the youth broke into a run when they halted their scoutcar to question him.

Captured after a brief foot chase, Echols was taken to the 14th Precinct station and agreed to show detectives how he broke into the apartments where the two assaults took place, police said.

The youth was charged with breaking into an apartment in the 4800 block of Alabama ave. se. through a bedroom window on Nov. 5, 1955, and raping a 27-year-old Army civilian clerk after threatening to kill her with a knife.

Police said he also was charged with raping a 30-year-old housewife at knifepoint about 3 a. m. on April 10 after breaking into her basement apartment in the 4300 block of Texas ave. se.

Questioned in Lee Case

Homicide Squad detectives said Echols was being questioned in connection with the

April 10 rape-murder of 3-year-old Valerie Lee, whose mutilated body was found the following morning in brush near a spur railroad track not three blocks from her home at 5013 Jay st. ne.

Deputy Police Chief Edgar E. Scott said Echols was held without bond in the Receiving Home pending investigation of

Terrace se., also was charged the story the youth told police with two counts of housebreak-of other housebreakings and in connection with the at-attacks on women.

Police said Echols, a 5-foot-9, 4000 block of D st. se., police reported. Police said Echols told them he fled when she screamed as he cut her on the chin with a knife.

Record to Age 12

Police said the youth had a housebreaking record dating back to when he was 12 years old. Detectives reported they recovered property stolen in four recent housebreakings in Echols' home yesterday.

Echols was arrested in the 4800 block of Benning rd. se. about 3 a. m. yesterday by 14th Precinct Pts. Benjamin Chaplin and Carlton Rogers, who said the youth broke into a run when they halted their scoutcar to question him.

Captured after a brief foot chase, Echols was taken to the 14th Precinct station and agreed to show detectives how he broke into the apartments where the two assaults took place, police said.

The youth was charged with breaking into an apartment in the 4800 block of Alabama ave. se. through a bedroom window on Nov. 5, 1955, and raping a 27-year-old Army civilian clerk after threatening to kill her with a knife.

Police said he also was charged with raping a 30-year-old housewife at knifepoint about 3 a. m. on April 10 after breaking into her basement apartment in the 4300 block of Texas ave. se.

Homicide Squad detectives said Echols was being questioned in connection with the

April 10 rape-murder of 3-year-old Valerie Lee, whose mutilated body was found the following morning in brush near a spur railroad track not three blocks from her home at 5013 Jay st. ne.

Deputy Police Chief Edgar E. Scott said Echols was held without bond in the Receiving Home pending investigation of

Terrace se., also was charged the story the youth told police with two counts of housebreak-of other housebreakings and in connection with the at-attacks on women.

Police said Echols, a 5-foot-9, 4000 block of D st. se., police reported. Police said Echols told them he fled when she screamed as he cut her on the chin with a knife.

Record to Age 12

Police said the youth had a housebreaking record dating back to when he was 12 years old. Detectives reported they recovered property stolen in four recent housebreakings in Echols' home yesterday.

Echols was arrested in the 4800 block of Benning rd. se. about 3 a. m. yesterday by 14th Precinct Pts. Benjamin Chaplin and Carlton Rogers, who said the youth broke into a run when they halted their scoutcar to question him.

Captured after a brief foot chase, Echols was taken to the 14th Precinct station and agreed to show detectives how he broke into the apartments where the two assaults took place, police said.

The youth was charged with breaking into an apartment in the 4800 block of Alabama ave. se. through a bedroom window on Nov. 5, 1955, and raping a 27-year-old Army civilian clerk after threatening to kill her with a knife.

Police said he also was charged with raping a 30-year-old housewife at knifepoint about 3 a. m. on April 10 after breaking into her basement apartment in the 4300 block of Texas ave. se.

Homicide Squad detectives said Echols was being questioned in connection with the

Five Teen-Agers Indicted in Rape

Star P. 25-57
Tue. 6-25-57
Five teen-agers, the oldest 18, yesterday were indicted on charges of raping a 30-year-old married woman on Feb. 23.

Those charged in a true bill returned by a grand jury in United States District Court are:

James N. Lewis, 18, of the 800 block of Springmans court S.W.; Theodore Simms, 16, of the 900 block of F street S.W.; Wilbur Brandon, jr., 15, of the 900 block of E street S.W.; John Settles, 15, of the 900 block of E street S.W., and Robert B. Smith, 15, of the 800 block of Six-and-a-half street S.W.

According to police, the victim was attacked while walking with a male companion. Both had been drinking, police stated. The alleged rape was said to have occurred in the rear of the 800 block of Liberty street S.W.

In another case, a woman and two men were indicted on charges of operating a numbers game. The three were arrested last March 28 after a police raid on the woman's home in the 3300 block of Upland terrace N.W.

Police said they seized \$1,200 in cash and a quantity of number and race bet slips.

Those indicted are Mrs. Gertrude Fralleone, Richard L. Cooper, 43, of the 1200 block of D street N.E., and Lee E. Morrow, jr., 34, of the 1300 block of Independence avenue S.E.

Woman's Cries Hut Attacker

Star P. 25-57
Wed. 7-24-57
A youthful intruder who attacked a 22-year-old mother of three children ran out her back door yesterday after neighbors pounded on the front door in answer to her cries for help.

The victim told police the assailant came to the door of her apartment near 18th and Wyoming ave. nw. about 2 p. m. and asked if she had any odd jobs. She said no and closed the door.

When she entered her bedroom, she said, she heard a noise, turned, and saw him. Police broadcast a lookout for a Negro, 18 to 20, 6 feet 1, wearing dungarees and a blue plaid shirt.

9222

**BEDWELL IS CHARGED
IN FLORIDA ASSAULT**

Heat 13
**Free in Illinois Deaths, He
Faces New Threat**
Memphis Tenn.
 CHICAGO, March 4.—(UP)—

Bennie Bedwell, within one step from freedom in the murder of two Chicago teenaged sisters, was arrested Monday on charges of criminally assaulting a 13-year-old girl in Florida.

Bedwell, who celebrated his 21st birthday Monday, thus escaped the threat of the electric chair in Illinois only to face a similar fate in the South.

The illiterate Skid Row drifter was freed of charges that he debauched two young sisters, Barbara Grimes, 15, and Patricia, 13, and left their naked bodies to freeze.

A fugitive warrant signed by Justice Wallace R. Smith of Lyons Township, Fla., charged Bedwell with holding a 13-year-old girl prisoner three days.

Florida authorities confirmed the girl had identified Bedwell as the "Bennie Bidwell" who assaulted her.

Bedwell was hustled back into jail despite his lawyer's protests. Bond was set at \$100,000.

At Deland, Fla., Sheriff Rodney B. Thursday said Bedwell had been identified as the carnival worker, who, with a friend, abducted two young girls last March 9.

Three days later Sheriff Thursday said, the girls were found abandoned in a house trailer. A 17-year-old youth was later picked up and married one of the victims. The other girl identified a picture of Bedwell as her assaulter this week end, Sheriff Thursday said.

**White man held
in Negro's attack**

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 23—(AP)—A 21-year-old Pensacola white man was charged Saturday with raping a 20-year-old Negro girl last Wednesday.

Jailed without bond was Edward James Carlisle Jr. (3-9-57)

Chief Sheriff's Investigator Bill Lynch said Carlisle was picked up by deputies at Dothan, Ala., and returned here.

He said the girl had given this account:

She was stopped on a Pensacola street and asked if she wanted a job as a housemaid. She replied that she would and was taken to an unoccupied house in the Lynn Haven subdivision. She was raped there and then driven to her home.

Lynch said a physician confirmed the girl had been raped.

**Chicago Suspect
To Go to Florida
On Rape Charge**

CHICAGO, May 23.—Edward Bennie Bedwell was ordered extradited to Florida today for trial on a charge of raping a 13-year-old girl more than a year ago.

He had sought to escape extradition through habeas corpus proceedings in Criminal Court. Judge Wilbert F. Coowley, however, refused to release him.

Bedwell, 21-year-old Skid Row habitue, once was charged with a part in the murder of the teenage Grimes girls of Chicago. He was arrested on the Florida charge minutes after the murder charge was dropped.

Authorities of Volusia County, Florida, accuse him of rapping a De Land girl on March 9, 1956, while he allegedly was traveling in Florida with a carnival. Bedwell insisted he was not in Florida at the time.

**Florida Asks
for Bedwell**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 8—Gov. Leroy Collins today requisitioned Illinois for the return to Florida of Edward Lee (Bennie) Bedwell to answer a new charge.

Bedwell was arrested on the Florida charge in Chicago immediately after he had been freed on a charge of murdering

two teen-age girls, the Grimes sisters.

Bedwell, 21-year-old odd jobs worker, is accused of criminally assaulting a 13-year-old girl on March 9, 1956 at Deland, Fla.

Sheriff Rodney B. Thursday said the victim had identified Bedwell as a man with whom she, a girl friend and another young man spent three days when Bedwell was employed on the midway at the Volusia County Fair at Daytona Beach last year.

**Girl Admits Rape
Story Was Hoax**

TAMPA, Fla.—All was forgiven in the case of a 16-year-old girl angry with her parents, who stripped nude and claimed she had been attacked by a man police first thought was a sex maniac. It turned out to be a hoax.

The girl was found by her father Wednesday, nude bound, and gagged and supposedly beaten when he returned home to lunch. Police immediately mustered forces to scour the neighborhood for a Negro man, acting on the girl's story.

But after an afternoon of interrogation, it was revealed that the girl made up the whole story, because as detectives put it, she wanted some sympathy.

Her parents had made her break a date.

The girl, who also scratched and bruised herself to make her story sound concrete, was hospitalized but medical authorities said her injuries were "not serious."

Her father collapsed at the hospital when she told him of the alleged attack and it took two doctors to revive him.

Arrested Hours too Late

Herald Miami, Fla., V. 31.

FBI Nabs Child Assault Suspect

Sat. 10-26-57

By TOM LOWNES
Herald Staff Writer

After a week of searching, Miami FBI agents finally caught up with a convicted pervert Friday — just hours too late to prevent the rape of a six-year-old Homestead girl.

FBI men who questioned the unemployed cook before hearing said he made an oral confession to the rape of the nine-year-old in Pennsylvania. They said he did not seem aware he had been identified and charged with the Homestead rape.

Picott told them he escaped from the Hanover, Pa., jail while being booked for the attack on April 19.

He said he crawled through a window in the jail's men's room, then stole a car and fled to Raleigh, N.C.

Picott, a slight man, was convicted of auto theft in 1924 of abusing a female child in Boston or Boston's rape of a girl in Massachusetts. He has served more than 10 years for sex crimes.

Picott had been living at 1410 NW 55th Ter. under the alias of William Mackay.

The girl told John Tyler, director of the Dade Criminal Bureau of Investigation, she was bicycling home when a man drove up, told her he had a sick child in his car, and asked directions to a hospital.

He then apparently drove around the block, returned to the girl, and asked her to accompany him "to the hospital."

Instead, he drove her to a spot four miles west of Krome Ave. on Avocado Rd. and assaulted her.

Picott waived extradition to Pennsylvania after a hearing before U.S. Commissioner Roger E. Davis. He will be held on \$10,000 bond for the April rape charge and an ad-

9223

Atlanta Woman Tells Police White Men Molested Her

The woman was held at police headquarters.

The woman charged that the two men said they had come to her house to take her to jail because she had skipped bond. She reportedly informed them that she had not but offered to go along with them to get things straightened out.

After getting into their car and recognizing a Negro man she knew, the commandant said the men drove to Union Street near the new expressway where the Negro got out of the car.

She said she refused their advances and propositions and when they threatened to take her to jail if she did not do as they commanded, "Take me to jail."

She said the men let her out of their car at Woodward and Hill Streets because she was screaming.

2 Youths Held In Assult On Girl, 14

GAINESVILLE, Ga., Aug. 12.—Detective Lt. Red Singleton said Otis Monroe Williams, 22, of Rte. 2, Lula, and an unidentified juvenile are being held without bond in Hall County jail in connection with alleged rape of a 14-year-old girl.

Singleton said the two forced the girl to drink liquor and bow to their demands on threats of throwing her younger brother into Lake Lanier.

The girl's mother swore out the warrant, the officer said.

GEORGIA ROUNDUP

Pair Held in Jefferson On Complaint of 2 Girls

JEFFERSON, Aug. 22 (AP)—The office of Jackson County Sheriff John B. Brooks reported Thursday that Aubrey Lee Crumley, 24, of Winder and Robert Payne, 24, Athens, were being held without bond on charges of raping two different girls.

Deputy C. H. Spence said Crumley, already under \$5,000 bond on federal liquor conspiracy charges, was arrested Tuesday on an accusation that he raped a 12-year-old girl at the home of his mother.

The girl required medical treatment. She lived nearby and said she just happened to wander into the house. Crumley made no statement.

Spence said charges against Payne were filed in behalf of a 15-year-old Athens girl.

She was quoted as saying Payne picked her up in his car as she walked into town last week to shop, took her to a secluded spot on the Jefferson River road in Jackson County and raped her.

Payne denied that he raped the girl.

27h(2) 1957

GERMANY

9224

4 Charged in Rape of Nude Swimmer

WIESBADEN, Germany, July 11. (AP)—The United States Air Force in Europe charged four of its men with raping a German woman who went swimming in the nude June 30 in an abandoned gravelpit.

Miss Liselotte Burdiss, 34, a secretary, claims she was assaulted by eight American airmen while she and three male German friends had an early morning swim in the water-filled pit at Offenbach, near Frankfurt.

No date has been set for the trial.

The official Air Force release pointed out the maximum penalty for rape is death under United States law. Under German law, the maximum penalty is 15 years at hard labor.

The Air Force identified the accused men as Airman 3/c Richard A. Kemple, 19, of St. George, Utah, and Airmen 2/c David L. Hearle, 20, of Newark, N. J.; Donald L. Harrington, 20, of Farmington, Mo., and Lee R. Burns, 20, of Bedford, Tex.

9225

C. Employe, 50, Raped and Robbed in Apartment

Mon. 2-25-57
A 50 year old University of Chicago employee told police yesterday that she was terrorized, attacked, and robbed in her south side apartment yesterday morning.

The victim, who lives alone, told Detectives Lyden Karnaman, John McCaughey and Ralph McGrath that she was snatched by her captive for an hour. During the assault, she said the attacker placed a piece of surgical gauze to her face after pouring a substance, believed to be chloroform, on the gauze. The assailant fled with \$100 in cash, the victim's wristwatch, and a

Chicago, Ill.
Notices Drapes Move

The woman said she awoke shortly before 5 a.m., thought she heard the sound of rain, and left her first floor bedroom to investigate. She said she noticed the drapery of her bedroom window rustling when she returned.

On separating the drapery, she said she saw a man behind the drapes. Despite a burglar alarm, he had been able to open the window sufficiently to crawl in.

Tries to Escape

The woman said she attempted to flee, but the assailant caught her, demanded money, and took \$30 from her purse. When the man indicated he intended to assault her, she said she fled. She was caught in the kitchen and an alley. Freeman, she remembered, then threatened her with a knife, and when she screamed forced her into the alley.

The assailant, described as a Negro of medium build, then invaded her home, took \$70 that

Four Shots Fired

had been concealed under a newspaper in a bureau in the bedroom, and then fled.

2 POLICEMEN SEIZE RAPIST

Mon. 3-8-57
A 19 year old purse snatcher and burglar was seized by police at 1606 W. 63d st. early yesterday in a chase after he raped a 23 year old mother of two children whose clothing he slashed with a knife.

The rape was admitted in a statement signed by Ronald Freeman of 888 Hudson av. He also orally admitted four other recent rapes, but retracted when asked to sign a statement, the police said.

Freeman was captured by Policemen Donald Barrett and James O'Malley, members of a 42 man police detail which has been covering the area bounded by 55th st., 63d st., Ashland av., and Damen av. because of the other rape cases.

Sees Him on 'L' Train
The latest victim, who works as a waitress in a Loop restaurant, told the police that she saw Freeman on the elevated train she took from work, and on the bus to which she transferred.

After alighting from the bus at 63d and Paulina sts., she said, she hurried on hearing someone following her, but tripped as she reached the door in the kitchen and an alley. Freeman, she remembered, then threatened her with a knife, and when she screamed forced her into the alley.

The assailant, described as a Negro of medium build, then invaded her home, took \$70 that

Neighbors who heard the screams phoned police. Freeman was leading his victim out of the alley when Barrett and O'Malley arrived. They fired four shots in a three and one half block chase before Freeman surrendered.

A four inch fish scaling knife and a flashlight were found on Freeman. He is a former Montefiore social adjustment school pupil who was sent to the Illinois Training School for Boys in Kane county for burglary and the Illinois Industrial school in Sheridan for purse snatching.

The rapes that Freeman admitted, then denied, included those of a mother of five children and a 17 year old girl, both in the Chicago Lawn district. The other two occurred in the Austin and Hyde Park districts.

FRANK' NAMED IN RAPE ATTACK

Fri. 2-1-57
Woman Tells How She, *Chicago, Ill.*
Fiance Were Kidnapped

William C. Willingham Jr., "Frank" in Bennie Bedwell's story of Grimes sisters' slaying, was identified in his Bridewell hospital bed yesterday as one of two men who kidnapped a 22 year old west side woman and her fiance, drove them to Joliet, and raped the woman last Oct. 19.

The woman also was interviewed Bedwell, who has retracted his confession in the slaying of the Grimes girls and is seeking release on a writ of habeas corpus.

Led Thru Ward

Willingham, serving a disorderly conduct sentence, is

being treated in Bridewell hospital for arthritis. The woman was led thru his ward, accompanied by Policeman Frank Cody of the Austin district and Patrick Egan, assistant state's attorney.

The woman said she was pulled up over her head and "positive" Willingham was face, and Detectives Thomas

one of the two men who McEntee and Frank Lynch

threatened her and her fiance said she apparently had been with a knife as they sat in her fiance's auto in front of her home.

She said they used the fiance's auto, taking turns at the wheel, in the drive to Joliet, then returned to the Austin district and freed their captives where they had been seized.

Complaint to Be Signed

Egan said Willingham was unaware he was being viewed by the woman yesterday. The woman was to sign a complaint later. Her fiance also was to view Willingham.

The woman said she saw Willingham's picture in THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE and telephoned Policeman Cody as a result.

Finds Wife, *Daily Tribune* Raped, *Chicago, Ill.* Slain in Flat

Wed. 4-4-57
An elderly housewife was slain and apparently raped in her apartment yesterday while her husband worked on a yard not far from their home.

The victim was Mrs. Jeannie Johnson, 62, of 6428 Kimbark av. Her husband, Elrich, 66, a janitor, found her dead on the dining room floor when he returned for lunch.

Capt. John Golden of Woodlawn police said Mrs. Johnson's head had been bashed

in with a heavy weapon. Her neck bore marks that indicated a cord had been tightened around her throat.

Skirt Pulled Over Head

The victim's skirt was "positive" Willingham was face, and Detectives Thomas

one of the two men who McEntee and Frank Lynch

Killer Leads Cops to Site of Her Grave

Chicago, Ill.
The body of Mrs. Mildred Grigoris, 36, a Gary beauty shop operator missing since last Aug. 7, was found buried near New Chicago, Ind., yesterday after the confessed



Mrs. Mildred Grigoris

A wallet belonging to her and another owned by her husband were found, empty, on a table. Johnson told police the wallets had contained between \$75 and \$80.

Johnson said he left home in mid-morning to work on a yard in the same block. Working with him was another janitor, Rudolph Schenk, 49, of 1434 E. 60th pl. Johnson said his wife went out to pay a utility bill and buy some groceries, and exchanged pleasantries with him on the way home.

Neighbor Hears Thump

A neighbor told police she heard a noise, which might have been made by a body falling, around 11:30 a.m. but heard no screams and did not investigate.

The Johnsons' third floor apartment is reached via a common hallway for it and another apartment. A glass pane in the hallway door had been broken. Police surmised the intruder then induced Mrs. Johnson to open her apartment door thru some ruse.

Mrs. Edith Fitzpatrick, who lives on the second floor of the apartment building, said a man knocked at her door Monday asking for Mrs. Johnson.

Sandor Singer, chief deputy sheriff's police to the scene.

Sandor Singer, chief deputy in Lake county, said George Robert Brown, 25, an East Gary construction worker, admitted he robbed her and then strangled Mrs. Grigoris, who lived at 2500 Riverside dr., East Gary. The conditions of her clothing indicated sexual molestation. Her beauty shop was at 4449 Broadway, Gary.

Brown told police that he threw her body down a 10 foot embankment and covered it with rocks, and said he admitted returning to the scene near an airport, several times and throwing garbage over the rocks to hide the body.

Denies Other Slaying
Brown denied any connection with the slaying of Lana Brock, 16, of 2138 Pulaski rd.,

New Chicago, whose body was found Oct. 2 in a shallow sand grave about half a mile south of Mrs. Grigonis' grave.

Brown was being held on auto theft and grand larceny charges when he confessed slaying Mrs. Grigonis. He had



been sentenced twice before on intent to rape charges and in 1952 was committed to Norman Beatty hospital in Westville, Ind., as a sexual psychopath.

He escaped twice from the hospital, but was captured each time.

Victim's Auto Stalls

Brown, who is married, found Mrs. Grigonis with her auto stalled on U. S. 6 near the east limits of New Chicago and near the entrance to Cole Sky airport, a small and little used field. Brown offered her a ride, then took her to the spot where the body was found.

The Brock girl apparently had been beaten and buried alive. Sand was found in her lungs by investigators. Sheriff Jack West said Brown will be questioned again about the Brock killing.

Brown confessed the Grigonis slaying Saturday night, but police were unable to find the body until he was taken to the scene and pointed out the grave.

The body of Mrs. Grigonis, who was the mother of a 9 year old son, was identified by her sister, Miss Donna Karonovich, 430 E. 6th av., Gary. Mrs. Grigonis' car was recovered the night of disappearance.

Tells of Rape and Burial of Girl, 16

by his stepfather, John Reed, when he saw the Brock girl last Sept. 24.

Digs Grave with Shovel

Brown said he forced her into the cab of the truck, where he beat and raped her. After strangling her, he took a shovel from the truck and buried her.

George Robert Brown, 25, East Gary construction worker, yesterday confessed the rape slaying of Lana Brock, 16, of 2138 Pulaski rd., New Chicago, Ind., whose half naked and battered body was found Oct. 2 in a shallow grave on a lonely duck's road between Hobart and East Gary.

The confession came 24 hours after Brown's admission that he killed Mrs. Mildred Grigonis, 30, of 2500 Riverside dr., East Gary, Aug. 7 and buried her body in a rock grave about half a mile north of where the Brock girl's body was discovered.

Brown, who was being held on auto theft and grand larceny charges when he admitted the Grigonis slaying, had steadfastly denied the Brock killing. He confessed, however, after being taken to the grave site.

Leads Police to Grave

The body of Mrs. Grigonis, who operated a beauty shop in Gary, was not uncovered until Tuesday when Brown lead Lake county, Ind., sheriff's deputies to the grave in which he had buried her after robbing and strangling her. The condition of her clothing indicated she had been molested sexually.

Brown has been sentenced twice on charges of intent to rape and in 1952 was sentenced to Norman Beatty hospital in Westville, Ind., as a sexual psychopath. He found Mrs. Grigonis with her auto stalled in U. S. 6 near east limits of East Chicago.

Brown told Sandor Singer, chief deputy in Lake county, that he was sitting in the woods in a pickup truck owned

Miss Brock had been reported missing when she failed to return home after being sent to Hobart to pay a utility bill.

When she left her sister, Judy, 19, who was baby sitting in Hobart, she told her that she would take the family's accustomed short cut home thru the mile long wooded path on which she met Brown.

Tries to Quiet Her

Singer said Brown was questioned about the Brock killing because of his record and the fact that he was left handed. Singer said that police believed a left handed person killed her because the right side of her face was beaten severely.

Brown said he beat her to keep her quiet when another truck came by after he had forced her into his truck.

Before confessing the Brock killing, Brown had taken Singer and other deputies to his home at 3217 E. 36th av., East Gary, where they found two bankbooks, a red wallet, and a clothing store credit card belonging to Mrs. Grigonis.

The articles, together with a bloody pair of undershorts belonging to Brown, were dug from the front yard of the home, where Brown lives with his wife, Helen, and son, Larry, 3 months, his step-father and mother.

27h(2) 1957

INDIANA

9226

~~Post-News Herald~~ p. 1
Added To Grimes Sister Suspects
Sex Killer Also Admits
He Buried A Girl Alive

CROWN POINT, Ind., May 1 (UPI)—A "sex mad" killer of women confessed his second murder in 24 hours today—the attack slaying of a 16-year-old girl he buried alive in a desolate sand dune.

The killer's wife was arrested and held as a possible accomplice in at least one of the murders and Chicago authorities planned to question him about the unsolved killings of two sisters whose nude bodies were found in a ditch.

The confessed murderer is George Robert Brown, a diminutive, 25-year-old Gary, Ind., steelworker and former inmate of a mental institution, where he was described as a "sex maniac." His wife, mother of one child, also is a former mental patient.

After a day of ceaseless questioning, Brown made an oral confession that he lay in wait for a pretty New Chicago, Ind., teen-ager, Lena Brock, last Sept. 24, assaulted her and choked her, Cookers said.

He then threw her body under an overhanging sand dune and stomped tons of sand onto the girl's still-living body. When it was discovered last Oct. 2, the girl's lungs were filled with sand, indicating she died of suffocation.

Brown's confession was a macabre sequel to his admission yesterday that, only 25 days before the Brock murder, he abducted, attacked and strangled a Gary, Ind., beauty shop operator, Mrs. Mildred Grigonis, 30. He buried her in similar grave in the desolate dunes country, only two miles from the spot where the Brock girl was to be buried alive.

The series of murders was uncovered because Brown could not resist the urge to return constantly to Mrs. Grigonis' grave and dump garbage on it "no one could find her." Neighbors spotted him at the grisly task, and, when he was arrested on car theft charges three weeks ago, tipped off police.

Brown confessed the first murder and led deputies to the hidden, white-clad skeleton. He denied the Brock murder until police got a report his wife had known of his

scraggly beard and sporting luxuriant sideburns, then led Lake County authorities from the county jail here to the exact spot where the Brock girl's body was discovered by chance.

Brown's confessed sexual frenzy made him a suspect in another unsolved murder, that of two sisters in Chicago, only 40 miles from Gary.

Cook County sheriff's and state's attorney's investigators went to Crown Point to question Brown about Barbara Grimes, 15, and her sister, Patricia, 13. They left their Chicago home to see a movie last Dec. 28 and their naked frozen bodies were found in a ditch Jan. 22.

The Chicago authorities also planned to grill Brown about another unsolved multiple child slaying — that of three young boys whose nude bodies were found in a ditch in October, 1955.

Married Man Gets 15 Years

Courier-Journal

Thurs. 7-24-57
Lionsville, Ky.
J. P. Rosenbarger
Found Guilty by Jury

A 20-year-old married man was found guilty of rape by Criminal Court jury yesterday. His punishment was set at 15 years in prison.

John P. Rosenbarger, 422 Ohio, was charged with kidnaping and raping a 14-year-old girl in a wooded area in the 2400 block of Mellwood on November 25.

The girl testified that Rosenbarger beat her about the face and twisted and sprained her wrist.

He Denies Charge

Rosenbarger denied assaulting the girl. He said he was out with another woman at the time the alleged offense took place.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Henry Sadlo said Rosenbarger refused to plead guilty and take a 10-year sentence. The maximum penalty for rape is death.

In another Criminal Court case, a murder charge against Pat R. Herring, 32, of 26 Bella Lane, was filed away with leave on motion of the Commonwealth.

Can't Find Out What Happened

Herring was charged with killing a neighbor, John Smith, with a shotgun September 15 near Herring's home.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Laurence Higgins said he was unable to "find out what happened in the case." None of the witnesses seemed to be able to add.

Woman Raped; Threatened

Courier-Journal

Mon. 5-6-57
A 22-year-old woman told police yesterday that she was raped in a car parked on Dumessun near 15th at 11:15 p.m. Saturday.

The woman said she was waiting for a friend to return to the car when the man entered. She said he cut her clothes with a knife.

Police said her description of the man corresponded with one furnished by a 35-year-old woman

who said a man attempted to attack her 2 hours earlier on Dixie Highway near Kentucky. She said her screams frightened the man away.

Prowler Is Terrorizing Valley Village Women

Courier-Journal

Mon. 7-29-57
Residents Say Youth Whistles Off-Key Tune At Homes, Pesters Them With Phone Calls

A T-shirted, youthful prowler who whistles "a little off-key tune" has been terrorizing Valley Village subdivision residents for the past three weeks.

And the neighborhood—off Dixie Highway at Watson Lane—is literally up in arms, residents reported yesterday.

The prowler has been fired at at least once.

And he so frightened the pregnant wife of a City fireman, Mrs. John Honadel, that she fainted.

Dog Trapped In Flares

County police have been called to the area several times, but have been unable to catch the prowler. On one occasion, police rigged trip flares to wires to try to trap him, but the only thing they trapped was a wandering dog.

"It's terrifying . . . when you're alone with your children," Mrs. F. R. Ferris, Wilkes Way, said.

"And it's strange," she added. "He bothers the women whose husbands work at night or are away a lot of the time. He seems to know."

Whistled Outside Window

Mrs. Ferris' husband, a construction man, is frequently out of town, she said. When he is, she is alone at home except for her mother-in-law and two young children.

She said the prowler has come twice to her home. The first time was Wednesday night, when she heard him whistling "a little off-key tune" outside the bathroom window. Later, she said, three concrete blocks were found against the outside wall of her house, beneath the window.

The next night, "while I was sitting at the kitchen table writing a letter to my husband, I heard him whistling outside the

window again," she said. This time she called police, but they found nothing.

Pestered by Phone Calls

Mrs. Ferris said she and other residents, also have been pestered by phone calls, apparently by the prowler. As soon as she picked up the phone, she said, the caller hung up.

"Everybody's nerves out here are a little bit on edge," Mrs. Ferris continued. Residents are "walking around at night carrying shotguns," she said.

The subdivision has no street lights.

City Fireman John Honadel said that about two weeks ago the prowler came to a window of his home while he was away and his wife fired a shot at him.

After that, he said, his wife began receiving threatening phone calls from the prowler.

I'm Going To Get You'

"You're the one that shot at me; I'm going to get you . . ." Honadel quoted the caller.

At 2:30 a.m. Friday, after receiving the last of seven calls from the man, Mrs. Honadel collapsed. County police took her to General Hospital for treatment.

Saturday, the fireman said, Mrs. Honadel received 13 calls from the mysterious man. Then at 1:30 a.m. yesterday, she saw someone standing outside her bedroom window. But when Honadel's dog began barking and whining, the prowler ran away.

Came Out With Shotguns'

Honadel said there are about

KENTUCKY

500 homes in the subdivision. Several residents have got a good enough look at the prowler to give police a description of him.

"He's about 5 feet 8 or 9, slender, about 180 pounds," Honadel said. "He has dark hair and usually wears a white T-shirt and blue jeans."

Honadel said the man is in his mid-20's.

The fireman said that when the dog tripped the flares rigged by County police to catch the prowler, the area lighted up brightly.

"You ought to have seen them (residents) come out of their houses with shotguns," Honadel said.

9 Charged With Mass Attack On Teen-age Woman, Girl, 15

Courier-Journal

PIKEVILLE, Ky., Aug. 22 (UPI)—Nine youths yesterday were charged with the mass rape of a teen-age mother and her sister-in-law, 15, which police said was witnessed by perhaps as many as 100 persons.

The alleged rapes took place in a remote community of Pike County early Sunday morning.

State police Det. E. L. Cornett said Everett Spurlock, 23, Grundy, Va., was driving with his wife, Gladys, 19, his 15-year-old sister-in-law and his two young children when he had a flat tire.

Cornett said a car carrying the youths then drove up and one of them beat Spurlock and forced him to flee.

The detective quoted Mrs. Spurlock as saying she was raped "four or five times" while her children were still in the car. He said the woman's sister told him she was raped "eight or nine times."

Cornett said the women's screams attracted a large group to the scene and that witnesses told him as many as 100 persons were there. He said they were afraid to approach the car because of fear the youths might be armed.

Charged with rape were Carl Ferrell, 22, of Freeburn; Phillip Smith, 23, Coleman, Ky.; Harold Dotson, 22, Freeburn; Thurman Dotson, 18, a brother of Harold; and two 15-year-olds. Rape charges also were filed against three other youths being sought.

All the arrested were jailed without bond.

Q227

27h(2) 1957

LOUISIANA

9228

LAKE CHARLES BASE

White AF Officer Accuses Negro Of Assaulting Wife

LAKE CHARLES, La., Oct. 19.—A white Air Force officer today filed aggravated rape charges against a Negro airman accused of raping the officer's 25-year-old wife after escaping a mental ward.

Atty. Edward Shaheen identified the airman as Odell Sandlin, about 25, assigned to the Field Maintenance Sqdn. at Lake Charles Air Force Base here.

The incident happened at the officer's home on Oct. 15, the defense attorney said, and Sandlin was transferred today from Air Force custody to the Calcasieu Parish jail.

Shaheen said Sandlin was held without bond to await a grand jury investigation. An aggravated rape charge is punishable by death on conviction in Louisiana. This is what happened, the defense attorney said, according to his own investigation and that of the Air Force, which took the case without publicity during a one-day time lapse.

Doctors confined Sandlin to the Air Force base hospital after he was found in a coma. Sandlin escaped through a latrine window Oct. 15. He appeared at the woman's door west of the base about 10 a.m. that morning.

Sandlin asked to be returned to the base hospital. The woman, seeing he was badly shaken, asked him to come into the kitchen and have his coffee. In her housecoat, the woman went to her bedroom and dressed. She stood in the bathroom before a mirror. Sandlin came to the door. He said:

"Lady, I escaped from the hospital." Sandlin grabbed the woman as she left the bathroom, pulled her out of the bed and threatened to kill her if she resisted. The woman said she quit struggling because she feared for herself and her baby daughter. Sandlin attacked her, then went into living room, sat down, and held his head in his hands. She

The woman said she got her husband's .22 caliber revolver, held it on Sandlin, and started to call the police. He came toward her. She pulled the trigger three times. The first two bullet chambers were empty.

The third time the gun fired, but the bullet missed Sandlin. He wrested the gun from her and returned to the chair, trying to open the weapon, she said.

The woman's husband telephoned from his duty post on the air base. He said he was coming home to change clothes. She told Sandlin her husband would be home in 10 minutes. Sandlin locked the door and sat down again.

Sandlin said he wanted to go back to the hospital, then that he didn't. He changed his mind several times. The woman began dressing her baby for the trip.

Sandlin asked the woman again how to open the gun. She showed him how to eject the bullets. He grabbed her and assaulted her again.

Sandlin repeated his request to return to the hospital. This time, the woman took her baby and Sandlin, and drove him to the base gate. She had to promise the airman she would tell authorities he came to her home sick and she brought him back.

She said Sandlin kept repeating: "I'm sorry, lady. I'm sorry."

The woman had to be placed under sedatives. Authorities were unable to question her until yesterday morning.

The district attorney said he was not given Sandlin's exact age nor his hometown. Air Force authorities said Sandlin was treated a week earlier for nervousness and headache and he seemed confused after regaining consciousness from the coma. He was awaiting sentence on conviction by a court martial of the unauthorized use of government property.

27h(2) 1957

LOUISIANA

9229

BOY REPORTEDLY CONFESSES RAPE ON RAPE CHARGE

March 25-57

(Special to The Times-Picayune)

NEW IBERIA, La., March 24

A 15-year-old New Iberia boy has been charged with aggravated rape of a 10-year-old woman.

The youth is in the Iberia parish jail.

The crime of which he is charged is a capital offense and carries the death penalty, according to Chief of Police Andrew Mator, who said, "We have obtained a complete signed confession from the boy and positive identification has been made by the woman."

The boy was arrested Saturday.

The victim reported to police last Monday night that she got off a New Orleans bus and was walking down French st. to her home when she was forced at the point of a knife to go into a cemetery with the youth.

Abused Rapists Freed on Bond

(Special to The Times-Picayune)

MONROE, La., Sept. 25—Three Ouachita parish men charged with aggravated rape of a 15-year-old girl Sept. 8 were ordered released on bond of \$3,000 each following a preliminary hearing in Fourth District court Wednesday. The hearing was held before Judge Jess

Hardy. *comes Dec 1*
bonds were fixed for L. J. Anderson, 26, James M. Robertson Jr., 26, and Richard J. Swaggart.

The three were arrested by the Ouachita parish deputies several hours after the alleged assault occurred on the Prairie rd. south of Monroe. *Monroe 9-26-57*

Six persons took the stand Wednesday in the preliminary hearing. Their cases will be heard by the Ouachita-parish grand jury, which begins its regular fall session

27h(2)
Condition of Victim Is

Still Serious

An aggravated rape charge against Louis M. Vinet, 17, 1621 Teche, Algiers, was accepted Monday by the Orleans parish district attorney's office.

He is charged with the Thursday assault on a 3-year-old girl, who was taken to Charity hospital in serious condition after being thrown against a brick wall.

Assistant District Attorney Jim Garrison accepted the charge after receiving a police report from juvenile bureau officers Peter Burtchaell, Charles Jonau, and Vincent Lore. Aggravated rape is a capital offense under Louisiana law and is punishable by death. No bond is permitted in any capital case. *Picayune*

Vinet was arrested by Fourth (Algiers) District officers about 2:30 a. m. Saturday and was booked at the First District with aggravated rape.

Police said Vinet's 11-year-old brother and the 10-year-old brother of the girl victim saw Vinet walking in an alleyway carrying the 3-year-old child. When the girl's brother screamed, Vinet allegedly threw the girl against a brick wall and fled on his bicycle.

Vinet signed a statement admitting attacking the child, police said after his Saturday arrest.

When the attack occurred, Vinet was free on a \$750 bond awaiting trial on a carnal knowledge charge in connection with an attack on a 14-year-old girl. He was booked Oct. 29 with aggravated rape but the district attorney's office accepted the lesser charge (carnal knowledge) and recommended the \$750 bond. Carnal knowledge is punishable by imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than five years.

Off. 6

27h(2) 1957

MARYLAND

9230

~~Name Suspect Arrested~~
SAN JOSE, Calif., April 11
The FBI has arrested a 31-year-old father accused of raping a 13-year-old Maryland girl.
FBI Special Agent H. G. Foster and James Arthur Christman of Meadowlawn, Sunnyvale, in charge of federal agents filed March 18 at Baltimore with the state of Maryland to avoid prosecution for rape.

Prince Georges ~~P. 2-h~~ Hunts Rapist

By ~~6-21-57~~
Prince Georges County police today were searching for a man accused of raping and severely beating an 18-year-old District girl after pretending to help her find a job.

The victim told police the man stopped her as she came out of an employment agency in the District yesterday morning and volunteered to take her to a place where she could get work at a sea mountain. Instead, police said, he drove her to a woods near Landover and attacked her.

The attack occurred on Brightwood road just off Landover road, police said. Afterward, the man drove off leaving the half-conscious victim behind. Police said the girl dragged herself 1 mile to the home of Mrs. John Riggles, 68, of 8720 Landover road.

Mrs. Riggles said the man had hit the girl's face with glass and left her for dead.

Police took the girl to Prince Georges General Hospital where she is in satisfactory condition.

Detective Capt. Charles N. Thomsen said the fist beating "left every bit of the girl's face badly bruised and closed one eye."

Police broadcast a lookout for a light-skinned colored man, about 5 feet 8 inches tall, of medium build, in his 20s, wearing a white short-sleeved sport shirt and dark trousers. The victim could not give a description of the car, police said.

The victim lives in Southeast Washington with her parents and came to the city seven years ago from Argentina, police said.

27h(2) 1957

MASSACHUSETTS

9231

Five Men Held On Rape Charge

HYANNIS, Mass., July 8 (AP)

Five men, three of them soldiers, were held in \$60,000 double surety each today after pleading innocent in District Court to charges that they raped an 18-year-old Worcester girl on a Barnstable beach last Friday.

The girl's name was withheld by police. 7-9-57

Charged with conspiracy to rape and rape were: Pvt. Emile Miles Jr., 23, of Detroit, Earl G. Elliott, 24, and Nathan Andrews Jr., 20, both of Hyannis, Pvt. Maurice G. Jackson, 22, of Richmond, Ind., and Pvt. Andres G. Burgos-Dias, 20, of Puerto Rico.

The three soldiers were on summer duty at Otis Air Force Base in nearby Falmouth, but are permanently stationed at Fort Devens.

State Police Detective Lt. John F. Dempsey said that all but Miles admitted the assault after their arrest yesterday. The girl identified them as her assailants.

The girl said she was attacked while she and her boyfriend were taking an early morning swim at Hathaway's Pond in Barnstable. She said they had police permission to take the swim.

27h(2) 1957

MICHIGAN

9232

Ex-Con Says He Killed Child, 6

DETROIT, June 21 (AP)—State Police Lt. Howard Whaley said today that Produce Worker Lawrence Richard Turner had admitted orally the slaying of 6-year-old Mary de Caussin last week. Turner, 50, was a neighbor of the de Caussin family.

Whaley said Turner, a former convict who was arrested Wednesday, made the statement to Detective Lt. Bill Shaffer and Detective Sgt. John Ware.

Many disappeared from her home in suburban Ecorse township June 12. Her battered and cut body, her wrists bound together, was found in a wooded area near her home the next day. She had been ~~young~~.

Turner was released from Michigan State Prison at Jackson last December after serving 15 years on a rape conviction.

State police said Turner told them the little girl fell and struck her head while in the produce market where he worked. The fall knocked her out and Turner feared trouble, state police said, so he put her in a produce bag and placed it in the back room of the store.

Later her body was moved outside the store, police said and that night she was taken to the wooded area.

Police said Turner told them the body was cut up to give the appearance of a sex killing.

9233

**Gunned Down
Family of 3
Rape Mother**

DETROIT, April 5 (UPI)—Three gunmen terrorized a family for more than two hours today and fled with a radio, a television set, a car and \$2,002 after raping a mother and molesting her 11-year-old daughter.

Police said the three men, two of them armed and wearing handkerchiefs over their faces, attacked Lloyd Orr, 62, when he parked his car in his garage.

The trio beat Orr, who was returning home from work, and forced him to let them into his house. Orr's dog started to bark and the men beat the animal to death with their guns.

They awakened Orr's wife, Gazella, 40; his daughter, Shirley, 11, and a roomer, Eva Eden, 45, and led them to a library on the first floor where all were bound.

The trio started to ransack the house, taking \$700 from Orr, \$200 from his wife and \$100 from Mrs. Eden.

**Youth Attacked
20 Women, Killing
One, He Admits**

Detroit, May 29 (UPI)—Homicide

Detectives Charles Schaefer and Kenneth Perry said a 17-year-old youth told them today of attacking 20 women in the past two months and slaying one of those who resisted.

The detectives quoted Raymond Harris, Detroit, as saying he raped seven of his victims and cut three of them with a knife when they fought him.

Harris was held for investigation in the death May 18 of Mrs. Ola Mae Moore, 31. He said the attacks occurred on Detroit's near Northwest Side.

"I'm glad I'm caught," the detectives quoted Harris as saying, "I was getting more vicious all the time."

Tim 6-14-59

**Police Hold 2
In Sex Killing
Of Detroit Girl**

DETROIT, June 13 (UPI)—Slashed and beaten, 6-year-old Mary de Caussin was found slain today in a wooded suburban area 10 miles southwest of Detroit.

The killer ripped off most of the little girl's clothing, slashed her throat, bashed in the back of her head, tied her hands behind her back and left her to bleed to death under a clump of crabapple trees.

Richard Novak, Wayne County sheriff's detective, said the girl apparently was the victim of a sex deviate. An autopsy was ordered.

Police began a roundup of known sex offenders in downriver suburban communities.

Ecorse Township Police Chief Bentley Galloway said two men had been booked for investigation of murder. They were Orville Dibble, 45, an itinerant photographer who posed children with a pet donkey, and Richard Stessen, 18, an iron worker who lives in the township.

The girl disappeared yesterday evening from a street near the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund de Cuassin Jr., in Ecorse Township.

The parents called police when the child failed to return at dinner time. Thousands of volunteers joined in an all-night search.

The body was found at 11 a.m. today at the end of a dirt road in a heavily wooded area about 2½ miles from the De Caussin home.

The girl's father, a technical writer for the Ford Motor Co., had a foreboding of tragedy after the all-night search had ended bitterly: "I wouldn't blame the man

as much as the society which produces such men. It's a society

that allows sex magazines on newsstands for kids to read; a society that measures Hollywood stars by their bosoms, and a society where the telling of dirty stories and the use of foul lan-

guage is commonplace. These things produce sex perverts out of people who have the slightest abnormal tendencies."

At the time the body was found, the parents were at home with their parish priest, the Rev. James C. Curtain of St. Pius Roman Catholic church. Mary was a first-grade pupil at the parish school.

Mary was the oldest of four children. She was the granddaughter of Edmund J. de Caussin Sr., deputy chief of the Detroit Fire Department.

**Teen-Ager Admits Kidnap Rape
Of Two Teachers In Michigan**

DOWAGIAC, Mich., Oct. 16 (UPI)—A teen-ager today admitted the kidnap rape of two young

high school teachers, one of whom propped the teachers against the side of the car and beat them

like said he left the English teacher with his fists. Then he shoved

her naked and bound in the horse both into the car's trunk.

Ball said he left Miss Snyder in

the youth, Robert Leroy Ball, 18, a barn several miles from the scene of the attack. The sheriff

indicted kidnaping, rape, assault

and battery, car theft and robbery.

Turned down repeated requests

for a date.

His two victims, Judith Snyder, 24, and Miss Murray, 22, both

teachers at Dowagiac High

School, were admitted to Lee Me-

morial Hospital for treatment

Both had been beaten savagely.

Storm of Attack.

Sheriff Kenneth McLeod said

Ball gave this account of the at-

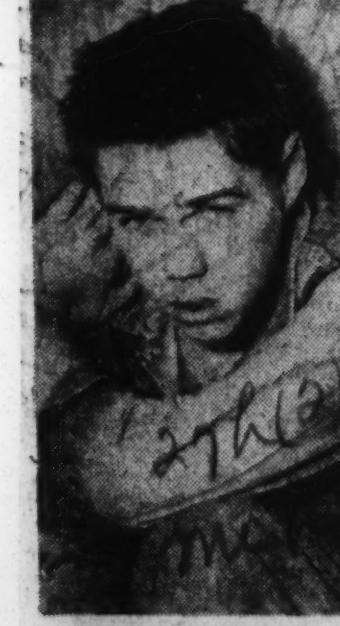
tack:

While walking near the school last night, he saw Miss Snyder's car in the school's parking lot. He went home to get rope, wire and a knife and then returned and

climbed into the rear seat of the

car. When the two women, who

had been teaching adult education classes, got into the car, Ball forced them at knifepoint to drive



ROBERT LEROY BALL
Kidnaped Teachers.

Youth Admits Beating, Raping 2 Teachers And Leaving Them Bound Nude in Woods

DOWAGIAC, Mich., Oct. 16 (UPI)—A teen-ager today admitted the kidnap-rape of two young high school teachers, one of whom had flunked him in English. Police said he left the English teacher naked and bound in the horse stall of an abandoned barn in the woods.

The youth, Robert Lee Ball, 18, faced an array of charges that included kidnaping, rape, assault and battery, car theft and robbery.

His two victims, aged 24 and 27, both teachers at Dowagiac High School, were admitted to Lee Memorial Hospital for treatment. Both had been beaten savagely.

Sheriff Kenneth McLeod said Ball gave this account of the attack: *Constitution*

While walking near the school last night he saw the car, rope of the teachers in the school's parking lot. He went home to get rope, wire and a knife and then returned and climbed into the rear seat of the car. When the two women, who had been teaching adult education classes, got into the car, Ball forced them at knifepoint to drive to a wooded area four miles from town. Then he ordered them to remove their clothes and bound both with the wire.

Ball said that after he ravished the two, he propped the teachers against the side of the car and beat them with his fists. Then he shoved both into the car's trunk.

Ball left the English teacher in a barn several miles from the scene of the attack. The sheriff said she had flunked Ball last year and then turned down repeated requests for a date.

Ball fashioned a crude shelter in a partially constructed cement blockhouse and left the other teacher lying under it.

The English teacher freed herself and stumbled to a nearby farmhouse where she reported the attack.

Ball, meanwhile, drove the English teacher's car back to the parking lot and left it after locking it.

Returning home, Ball hid the teachers' purses in the basement and went to bed. Police found him asleep when they picked him up for questioning.

27h(2) 1957

MISSISSIPPI

9234

MISSISSIPPIAN FREED
ON ASSAULT CHARGES

Appellate Court
Others Face Trial In Case
Involving Negro Girl

MAGNOLIA, Miss., March 29.
(UPI)—A Circuit Court jury
Thursday night freed Olen Duncan, 24, of charges he raped a
young Negro girl who claimed
she was kidnapped from her home
in Duncan and three other white
Memphis Tenn.

The jury deliberated two hours
and three minutes.

Duncan's cousin, Duroa Duncan, 22, was scheduled to stand
trial on a similar count Friday
but the trial was postponed until
Wednesday.

The Duncans and two white
brothers, Ernest Dillon and Ollie
Dillon, all of Walthall County,
face charges they abducted the
16-year-old girl from her farm
home near here, took her to a
swamp and raped her. Dates for
the kidnap trials will be set next
week by Circuit Judge Tom
Brady.

Ernest Dillon, 26, entered a
guilty plea to a reduced charge
of attempted rape shortly be-
fore he was to go on trial.

His brother, Ollie Dillon, is
charged only with aiding in the
abduction of the girl last May.

Olen Duncan did not take the
stand in his defense. Judge
Brady denied a defense motion
asking the case be thrown out
for lack of evidence.

Prosecuting attorneys were
unsuccessful in introducing as evi-
dence a statement signed by the
defendant that he had intimate
relations with the girl. The de-
fense charged that Olen Duncan
was told he would be freed
under bond if he signed the state-
ment but Sheriff Bill Andrews
testified no such promise was
made.

The girl claimed the four men,
acting as law officers, took her
from her home and raped her
in a nearby swamp.

A jury acquitted Olen Duncan
of attack charges last week.

Mississippi Roundup

20 Years Given In Assault Attempt

MAGNOLIA, April 5 (UPI)—
Ernest Dillon, 26-year-old white
man, was sentenced to 20 years in
Parchman State Penitentiary
today for the attempted assault
of a teen-age Negro girl and ad-
monished by a staunch pro-seg-
regation judge for causing "bit-
ter condemnation" of Missis-
sippi.

Circuit Judge Tom Brady, an
active leader in the Mississippi
Citizens Council, handed down
the sentence which was recom-
mended by a jury.

Dillon pleaded guilty to the
charge last week after it was
reduced from criminal assault
to attempted assault.

Brady also disclosed that the
girl, her mother and uncle were
consulted before the charges
against Dillon were reduced.

The judge told Brady he had
"brought disrespect on your
family and bitter condemnations
of Mississippi and the
people of this area."

Dillon and his brother, Ollie,

and two cousins, Olen Duncan
and Duroa Duncan, were
charged with kidnaping the 16-year-old girl from her home near
here and attacking her in a
swamp on the Bogue Chitto
River.

The trial of Duroa Duncan, 22,
on the assault charge ended in
a mistrial at 11:15 p.m. last night
when a jury reported it was
deadlocked after three hours de-
liberation.

County Prosecuting Attorney
Joe Pigott announced he would
be tried again at the October
term of court. All four men
face kidnaping charges at the
October term.

Ollie Dillon entered a plea of
insanity yesterday and Brady, on
the recommendation of two physi-
cians, committed him to the
state mental hospital at Whitfield
for examination.

Judge Brady said the three Ne-
groes told him they did not want
Dillon to suffer the death penali-
ty and agreed 20 years was an
"appropriate" punishment.

Rape is punishable by death in
Mississippi.

Mental Test Ordered

One of the other defendants,
Ollie Dillon, 45, the only one of
the four charged only with kid-
nap, was ordered taken today to
Whitfield State Mental Hospital.

Att. 1-6-57
10-YEAR TERM GIVEN
FOR ASSAULT ON GIRL

Att. 1-6-57
White Mississippian Admits

Attacking Negro

Memphis Tenn.

CHARGE IS REDUCED

Att. 1-6-57
The Associated Press

MAGNOLIA, Miss., April 5.—
The admitted ringleader of four
white men accused of abusing a
16-year-old girl was sentenced
Friday to 20 years at hard labor
and told his actions "had brought
bitter condemnation on the State
of Mississippi."

Circuit Judge Tom Brady pro-
nounced the sentence against 30-
year-old Ernest Dillon, Tylertown,
who last week was allowed to
plead guilty to a reduced
charge of assault with intent to
rape.

Dillon, one of three men ac-
cused of assaulting the girl, had
been held on assault charges
since the May 13, 1956, incident.

Judge Issues Rebuke

Att. 1-6-57

"I hope you realize that what
you have done not only has
brought disrespect on your par-
ents and family but also bitter
condemnation on the State of
Mississippi and the people of this
area," Judge Brady told Dillon.

The judge said the state prob-
ably will "come in for a whole
lot more of vitriolic abuse from
people who hate the South" as a
result of the case.

Judge Brady disclosed for the
first time that the Negro girl,
her mother and her uncle were
consulted before the charge
against Dillon was reduced.

Judge Brady said the three Ne-
groes told him they did not want
Dillon to suffer the death penali-
ty and agreed 20 years was an
"appropriate" punishment.

Rape is punishable by death in
Mississippi.

Mental Test Ordered

One of the other defendants,
Ollie Dillon, 45, the only one of
the four charged only with kid-
nap, was ordered taken today to
Whitfield State Mental Hospital.

on the assault charge.

For the lesser offense, "un-
lawful fornication with a mem-
ber of another race," he re-
ceived a two-year suspended
sentence.

Ernest Dillon, the alleged
ringleader, was sentenced to
only 20 years in prison after
pleading guilty to the lesser
charge of "assault with intent
to commit criminal assault."

THE COURT handed down
the light sentences despite the
fact that the girl testified that
she was forced into the woods
at gunpoint where she said the
men attacked her.

At the time of their arrests,
officers quoted the men as
saying they toured beer joints
looking for women and went to
the rural home of the girl after-
ward.

For his part in the alleged
incident, Ollie Dillon was in-
dicted on kidnap charges and
sent to a mental hospital where
he was described as "a sufferer
of a schizophrenic reaction of
the paranoid type."

Att. 1-6-57
MISSISSIPPI

Afro American

men freed

Att. 1-6-57

in sex case

Att. 1-6-57

McCOMB, Miss.—In a state
where colored men have been
condemned to death for similar
crimes, two white cousins ac-
cused of the alleged kidnap
criminal assault of a teenage
colored girl here 18 months ago
were freed recently.

Circuit Court Judge Tom P.
Brady, a White Citizens Coun-
cil leader and author of the
anti-integration booklet, "Black Monday," set Olen
and Duroa Duncan free under
jurisdiction of the state parole
board for five years.

Four white men were charg-
ed in the action. All of them
were charged with kidnapping
and all except one charged
with criminal assault. The oth-
er two men in the case are Ollie
and Ernest Dillon, also rel-
atives.

Att. 1-6-57

OLEN DUNCAN was acquit-
ted of the assault charges last
March and received a two-year
suspended sentence for the kid-
nap charge. Duroa Duncan al-
so drew a two-year suspended
sentence on the kidnap
charge and was allowed to
plead guilty to a lesser offense.

27h(2) 1957

Young White Lawyer Member Prominent Family Charged With Rape Of Negro Girl Charged With Statutory Rape; Freed Under Bond Of \$2,000

Pascagoula, Miss., June 10.—(Special)—The eyes of Mississippi Negro citizens, the memory of the Pike County case still fresh in their minds where four white men, in a drunken spree took a teen-age Negro girl from her rural home and raped her, only to have the charges reduced to escape the full penalty of the law, were turned towards this thriving Mississippi Gulf Coast city last week when a United Press report revealed that a young white lawyer here, on May 28, had been charged with the statutory rape of a 17-year-old Negro girl baby sitter.

The accused is Attorney Bernard Gautier, member of a prominent Jackson County family, who graduated from the law school of the University of Mississippi last year.

According to reports, Gautier was arrested on affidavit of the young Negro girl's parents and released on \$2,000 bond when the charge was reduced to statutory rape.

According to reports, the girl, who is a member of a highly respected Negro family, described by teachers of the out-of-town parochial school she attends as being of high moral character, told her parents she was forced into the act.

According to reports, the incident which was revealed for the first time last week when it was found on the court docket by a United Press reporter, took place on the night of May 27 when Gautier took the girl home from baby-sitting.

The parents of the girl, according to reports, said her body was covered with ant bites received during the act. They also said they have been unable to find an attorney in Jackson County to take

the case, adding that the girl was examined at a local hospital the night of the incident but they have received no report from the doctor who made the examination.

According to reports, Gautier was charged with the rape in an affidavit filed by the girl's parents on the following day, May 28. He waived preliminary hearing before making bond of \$2,000 binding him over to await the action of the Jackson County Grand Jury and disposing of the case in the justice of the peace court.

The bond was signed by E. H. Bacot and Hermes Gautier, former State Senator and the defendant's uncle.

When the United Press report was published authorities here were reluctant to talk about the case.

According to reports, District Attorney Boyce Holleman said he had not yet received the case and referred questions to County Attorney Donald Cumbeast who said he had heard about the charges but knew nothing first hand. He referred the questions to Justice of the Peace John Henly, who said, he did not want to give out anything on the case for the reason that it had not been completed.

SEIZED MAN ACCUSED OF BIGAMY AND RAPE Hazelhurst Welder Is Also Charged With Desertion

HAZLEHURST, Miss., Oct. 8. (UP)—A welder who has lived here for three months with a wife and three children was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Tuesday on charges of bigamy, wife desertion and rape.

He was identified as Clifford Earl Burton, 32, of Kentucky. The FBI said he deserted in Los Angeles on one count of bigamy, one of wife abandonment and child desertion and four counts of rape. He had been sought for four years.

Burton told officers he had seen his picture on a "most wanted" television program a few weeks ago.

The FBI said he has been married to his present wife four years. They have three children and another on the way. He is accused of deserting a wife and

MISSISSIPPI

child in Los Angeles.

He came here three months ago using the name Clifton E. Wilson and got a job as a welder for a flooring company.

Officers said he was known here as "a good citizen with a fairly good record." Town Marshal Herber Deaton said Burton was "quite surprised" when arrested and his wife "seemed upset." Officers did not disclose how Burton was traced here.

TRUCK DRIVER HELD IN ASSAULT ON GIRL

Memphis, Tenn., June 10.—Curtis Myers of Flora, Miss., Accused Of Attack

LAWYER HELD COMPANION IS JAILED

A 30-year-old truck driver was jailed in Canton, Miss., yesterday morning on charges of criminally assaulting a 12-year-old girl runaway from Memphis on Saturday night.

Curtis Myers was arrested in the Tolarville community in Holmes County and turned over to authorities in Canton. He is accused of assaulting the girl near Flora, Miss., after picking her and a 15-year-old hitchhiking companion up earlier in the day.

En Route To Jackson

The two girls slipped away from their homes about 1 a.m. Saturday and caught a ride to Tchula, Miss. They said they were on their way to Jackson to visit the older girl's aunt.

In Tchula they were picked up by Meyers and his brother-in-law, Paul Davis, about 25, in a gravel truck, officers said. The girls said they rode with the two men to Bee Lake north of Flora where they exchanged the truck for an automobile.

Both men are married and have children.

After changing vehicles, the girls said, the men had a few drinks and they went on to the outskirts of Flora where the assault occurred.

The girls said Davis left the car before Myers assaulted the 12-year-old. Officers said, however, that both men are being charged with assault.

Older Girl Slapped

The older girl was slapped about the face and suffered a head bump when she got out of the car before the younger girl was assaulted, officers said. Presumably the slapping was the basis for the assault charge against Davis.

Yazoo County Sheriff James H. Moore said Myers was arrested while unloading furniture after moving over the week end from his Pascagoula, Miss., home. Davis was arrested at the gravel pit in Holmes County where both had been employed as truck drivers.

A hearing will be held late this week at Flora before Justice of Peace Lamar Stephenson. The date has not been set.

9235

Mississippi Roundup

Post - Herald P. P.

Two Arrested

June 13-57

In Attack On Girl, 12

CANTON, Miss., Aug. 13 (UPI)—Two Holmes County fathers were jailed here today in the alleged Saturday night criminal attack of a 12-year-old Memphis hitchhiker near Flora.

Holmes County Sheriff Andrew P. Smith arrested Curtis Myers, 30, and Paul Davis, about 25, in the Tolarville community 10 miles southwest of Lexington and turned them over to Yazoo County Sheriff James H. Moore who brought them here.

Madison County authorities said Myers was charged with criminal assault and Davis with assault. They were held without bond for questioning.

Moore said the men admitted picking up the girl and her 15-year-old companion in Tchula Saturday but denied the attack.

The two men, both former Yazoo County residents, were hauling gravel near Tolarville. Davis was arrested leaving a pit with a load of gravel and Myers was found moving furniture into a new home here. Both men are married and have children.

The investigation began Sunday when the frightened, crying victim was found by police on Highway 49 near Flora.

The girls told City Marshal J. B. McCraney they ran away from their Memphis homes early Saturday afternoon and hitchhiked a ride to Tchula. There they said they were picked up by two men in a pickup truck, the driver of which later committed the assault.

They said one of the men left the truck before the attack, all that were available — and found no similar occurrence.

The closest thing to it was the week-end exactly a year ago when one traffic death was recorded.

Runaway Girl, 12, *Daily News* Accuses Ride-Giver

Jackson, Miss.

Miss. 8-12-57
YAZOO CITY, Miss. (AP) — The search for a young man accused of raping a 12-year-old runaway girl from Memphis switched today to the Mississippi Gulf

Yazoo County Deputy Sheriff W. T. Stubblefield said the fugitive, described as about 21 years old, has been identified as a resident of Pascagoula, Miss., and said authorities there have been asked to pick up the man.

An older man who accompanied the hunted man in a truck which picked up the two girl hitchhikers is believed to be a former Yazoo or Holmes County resident and is being sought in North Mississippi.

The alleged rape occurred on the outskirts of Flora Saturday night after the two men picked up the two Memphis girls near Tchula. Flora Marshal J. B. McCraney said the 12-year-old girl and her 15-year-old companion slipped away from their Memphis homes Saturday.

The older girl told officers she was slapped when she insisted on leaving the truck at a Flora service station.

McCraney described both girls as "nice looking brunettes from good families." Their parents took the youngsters home yesterday.

The older man, about 40, was in the truck at Tchula, but he left near Flora, saying he planned to hitchhike either to Jackson or Memphis. The rape occurred after he had gone, police said. The girl was treated at an infirmary in Flora.

In Jackson an aunt of the 15-year-old said both girls apparently intended to visit her. They had slipped away from their homes Saturday afternoon.

McCraney said the girls knew the men only as "Paul" and "Curtis."

27h(2) 1957

Charge Defender Lawyer Chicago, Ill. In Attack

PASCAGOULA, Miss. — News of the criminal assault of a 17-year-old Negro girl came to light here last week, despite efforts to suppress it.

A prominent young white attorney has been charged with statutory criminal assault of the girl. He is Bernard Gautier, a member of a prominent Jackson County family who was released on bond previously by a state senator and a relative after being held to the grand jury.

The alleged attack has aroused residents of this predominantly Catholic community.

A reporter learned of the incident from the docket of a local court.

The girl told her parents she was forced into the act.

The parents said they have been unable to find an attorney in Jackson County who would take the case.

The girl was said to have been examined at a hospital the night of the alleged incident, but the parents have received no report from the doctor who made the examination.

Authorities were reluctant to talk about the case. Dist. Atty. Royce Holleman said he had not yet received the case and referred questions to County Atty. Donald Cumbest who said he had "heard" about the charges but knew nothing first hand. He referred questions to Justice of the Peace John Henley who said:

"I don't want to give out anything about that. It's not completed yet."

Holleman, who graduated a year ago from University of Mississippi Law School is free under \$2,000 bond pending action of the grand jury in November.

The girl, who was allegedly as-

saulted as a member of a well-known Pascagoula family, which has long been associated with Catholic church activities in the community.

It is believed that efforts will be made to have the baby-sitter withdraw the charges or refuse to prosecute Gautier. However, due to the Catholic connections of the victim's family a number of citizens of Pascagoula are inclined to think justice may be obtained in this rape case.

Officials Hush Case

New York
Negro Baby Sitter Raped;

New York
Bernard Gautier

New York
Pascagoula

New York
Pascagoula
Attala Co., Miss. — June 8 take the case. The girl was said

(P.—Bernard Gautier, a young man to have been examined at a Pascagoula attorney and men's hospital the night of the alleged incident, but the parents

family has been charged with having received no report from the

statutory rape of his seven-doctor who made the exam-

ination.

It is learned today.

Mr. Gautier, who was gradu-

ated a year ago from the University of Mississippi Law School, is free under \$2,000 bond

pending action of the next grand jury which meets in November.

The affidavit against Mr. Gau-

tier was filed by the girl's

parents.

Authorities were reluctant to

talk about the case. No date has

been set for a grand jury hear-

ing.

Charged In Docket

District Attorney Boyce Holle-

man said he had not yet received

the case and referred questions

to County Attorney Donald

Cumbest who said he had

"heard" about the charges but

knew nothing first hand. He re-

ferred the questions to Justice

of the Peace John Henley who

said: "I don't want to give out

anything about that. It's not

completed yet."

The charges, however, were

found on Page 203 of his crimi-

nal docket which showed that

Mr. Gautier was charged in an

affidavit filed on May 28 and

was released on bond signed by

E. H. Bacot and Hermes Gau-

tier, former State Senator and

the defendant's uncle. Young

Gautier waived a preliminary

hearing before making bond,

binding him to the grand jury

and disposing of the case in the

justice court.

Examined at Hospital

Justice Henley's docket showed

that the charges were referred through the circuit clerk's office for the grand jury docket.

Further checking showed that he alleged crime was said to have occurred on the night of May 27 when Mr. Gautier took the girl home from baby sitting. The girl had been attending an out-of-town parochial high school. School authorities described her as of "high moral character." She told her parents she was forced to submit. The parents said they have been unable to find an attorney as a maid.

MISSISSIPPI

Salesman Held

For Rape Try

Jackson, Miss.

On Negro Maid

FOREST, Miss. (UPI) — Sheriff

N. B. Rushing said today a white salesman is held for investigation in the alleged attempted rape of a Negro woman at the home of a white couple where she worked as a maid.

Rushing said the Negro had identified the salesman as the man who tried to assault her Wednesday in the rural home near Morton while her employers were away from home.

The man was identified as Charles Cooper, 25, a picture salesman.

9236

Accuse Mississippi Lawyer

More Bad

Publicity

For Miss

FOREST, Miss. (ANP) — Inte-

gration wasn't so bad for a 25-year-old white salesman here who is being held in jail for the alleged attempted rape of a Ne-

gro maid while her employers were away from home.

The accused man is Charles Cooper. Sheriff N. B. Rushing said Cooper is being held for investigation.

Rushing said Cooper tried to assault the maid in the home of a white couple where she worked while her employers were out.

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (ANP)

Police were holding a 20-year-old white truck driver in county jail here in connection with the attempted rape of a 25-year-old Negro baby-sitter he was taking home.

He is David R. Shoemake, whose bond in the case has been set at \$4,500.

THE BABY-SITTER, whose

identity was not disclosed, said she had worked as Shoemake's baby-sitter in his home until a late hour in the morning. She said that instead of taking her home, the man drove her to a wooded area and parked the car where he attempted to rape her.

She said she jumped from the vehicle and hid out in the woods until daylight when she called the police.

CHARGE ATTACK EFFORT

Report Awaited in Attempt

To Assail Negro

HATTIESBURG, Miss., July 13.—Dist. Atty. Danny Dabbs

said Saturday he is awaiting a complete report on the case of a white man who is accused of attempting to rape a Negro woman baby-sitter.

The 25-year-old woman swore out an affidavit with city police. They quoted her as saying she had been baby-sitting Friday night for the man and his wife.

When they returned home shortly before 3 a.m., the man offered to drive her home, the Negro woman said, but stopped in a wooded area and attempted to strip off her clothes. She said she broke loose and hid until he drove off.

Police said the man denied making advances and that he chased the woman to return a purse she had left in his car.

Rape Effort

Is Charged

Jackson, Miss.

In Forrest

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (Special)

—A 25-year-old Negro baby-sitter filed charges of attempted rape against 28-year-old truck driver David Royce Shoemake.

The Negro woman had served as baby-sitter in the Shoemake home until 3 a.m. Saturday morning and claims that instead of taking her home, Shoemake parked his car in the woods. She claims

she ran and hid in the woods. Shoemake who denied molesting the woman has been in county jail since his arrest Saturday. His bond has been set at \$1,000.

In Spite of Dixie's Racial Purity

State News

White Man Held After Negro

Little Rock, Ark.

Fri. 7-19-57

Woman Files Charges of Rape

HATTIESBURG, Miss.—David Royce Shoemake, white 25-year-old truck driver of this city, was held after a Negro woman filed charges of attempted rape against him. The woman was employed as baby sitter for the Shoemakers.

The woman appeared before Forrest County Judge William Haralson and swore out the affidavit which accused Shoemake of trying to rape her early Saturday morning.

Sheriff Ford Vance said Shoemake, being held in Forrest county jail under a \$3,000 bond, denied molesting the woman.

The woman, mother of two children, told officers Shoemake and his wife returned home shortly before 3 a. m. and he offered to drive her home.

Instead of taking her home, she said, Shoemake drove into a wooded area and tried to remove her clothes. She said she broke loose and hid in the woods until daylight when she called police.

Officers said Shoemake denied the woman's charge and said this is what happened:

Before they reached the woman's home, she jumped from the car for some reason unknown to him. He stopped the car and ran after her because she had left her purse in the auto. He said he failed to catch her.

27h(2) 1957

Sex Killers at 18
The Nation

The story of eighteen-year-old Roland Marrone, rape-slaver of a fifteen-year-old girl is in many ways classic of a type becoming tragically familiar. Here is a boy of "good" home who enjoyed "good" companions, apparently deeply religious, well-mannered, passive rather than aggressive in normal behavior. Yet for the eight years prior to May 17, when he raped and then murdered Ruth Starr Zeitler, his record shows sporadic emotional outbursts of a kind which led several psychiatrists to recommend treatment which he never received. It is the fact that warning signs were posted, yet ignored, which gives the case a special urgency. Young Marrone, at one time or another, had been in the purview not only of psychiatrists, but of the police; nowhere was there put upon him the restraining hand which might have saved the life of Ruth Starr Zeitler—and perhaps, eventually, his own.

If there were a simple answer to this problem, there would never have been a "Marrone case."

One of the psychiatrists who saw Roland—the boy was thirteen at the time—was Dr. Ralph Brancale, director of the New Jersey State Diagnostic Center (see How to Treat Sex Offenders, by Dr. Brancale and F. Lovell Bixby, in *The Nation* of April 6). Obviously, a psychiatrist's findings in such circumstances are confidential. But it can be said that the Diagnostic Center found Roland emotionally unstable, and recommended treatment for him; it did not find him, at the time, a potential homicide. Psychiatry has not yet reached the stage where it can reach into the subconscious of a thirteen-year-old boy and unerringly sense the presence of an eighteen-year-old sex-killer.

Yet there was no doubt that the boy was sick, and if the slightest evidence existed that the sickness might take violent form, was it not the psychiatrist's duty to protect society by seeing to it that the boy was put away? "Put away where?" Dr. Brancale asked. "In jail? He had committed no crime, so far as we were aware. In a state institution? But the boy was not 'insane' at the time we saw him. And in any case, often thirteen-year-olds who might show symptoms similar to those of Roland, perhaps nine will be able to resolve their inner conflicts without resort to dangerous violence. Are we to flood our existing institutions with teen-agers, nine-tenths of whom would be better off outside?"

We asked Dr. Brancale, then: "Is there nothing that can be done?" His answer was, "Yes, two things. The first is more money for basic research into mental health. The second is to make possible, through the

NEW YORK

establishment of special institutions or through some other means, the treatment of such cases as Roland's. Private psychiatric treatment is expensive; private sanatoriums even more so. This is a social problem, and financially it will have to be solved as such.

New York
Two Deny Guilt
Herald Tribune
In Kidnapping and
Rape of Girl 19
New York

Before leaving, he took \$3 from her pocketbook and said he was sorry for what he had done, that he had been watching her for some time. The victim said she came here from California four months ago.

Two men charged with kidnapping, beating and raping an eighteen-year-old girl Jan. 19 pleaded innocent and were held yesterday in \$20,000 bail each by Federal Judge Richard H. Levet, who scheduled May 1 for trial of the pair and two youths on the charges. *P. 19*

The men were Vincent J. Marmon, twenty-two, of 92 View St., Byram, Conn., and William Tommoto, twenty-four, of Port Chester, N. Y.

No bail was set for Edward John Lafaro, sixteen, of 65 Palmer St., Port Chester, who also pleaded innocent yesterday, while a second youth, Frank S. Lennon, seventeen, of 101 Harrison Ave., Port Chester, was continued in \$2,500 bail. He pleaded innocent on March 21.

The four were indicted March 20 by a Federal grand jury which charged they transported the girl from Harrison, N. Y., to a wooded area in Glenville, Conn., where she was assaulted. If convicted the four could receive a death sentence on recommendation of a trial jury.

Girl Raped *Herald Tribune* And Robbed *New York* In Apartment *Herald Tribune*

A twenty-year-old dental assistant was raped and robbed early yesterday in her one-room flat at 34 W. 69th St. Her assailant escaped the way he entered, by a fire escape.

The victim said she was awakened by the stranger in her top-floor room of the five-

9237

9238

Sex Maniac World-Telegram Accosted Her 3 or 4 Times

Mar. 4-19-57

Victim Didn't Tell
Parents for Fear

They Would Worry

By PAUL MESKIL,

Staff Writer.

A sex fiend had accosted main Patricia Ruland several times in the past two months but she didn't tell her patrolman brother or her parents because she didn't want to worry them, the World-Telegram and Sun learned exclusively today.

Another girl fought off an attack near Pat's home a week ago. The man fled in a green car, similar in description to a car seen near the spot where neighbor who heard her screams looked out his front window and saw the man return, jump in the green car and drive away.

Green Car Again.

A light green car, believed to be a small, two-door sedan, also was seen near the spot where the Ruland girl was found Wednesday night. Pat was tossed into the rain-drenched gutter in front of 58 94th St., between Marine Ave. and Shore Rd. a block from the Belt Parkway and the Narrows.

Though the presence of a sex fiend in the neighborhood created the possibility that Pat had been seized upon the street and dragged into a car, detectives working on the case inclined strongly to the belief that the killer was someone she knew.

Mysterious Gap.

A mysterious gap of slightly more than an hour in Pat's final movements on the night she was killed was a key factor in this belief. Obviously, if the girl had been seized on the street by a fiend, her struggle would have been about two minutes earlier from the same as usual. I'm sure

virtually instantaneous.

Police know that Pat went to a neighborhood luncheonette, screaming in 94th St. She's in trouble." Patrolmen and detectives who were on their way to investigate. She stayed until about 10:15 this anonymous call when Miss Esposito's call came in.

About 10 minutes later, when the two youths left the luncheonette, they were surprised to find the girl still standing on the sidewalk in front of the luncheonette, as if she were waiting for someone.

Followed for Weeks.

They talked for a few seconds and then Pat left in the direction of her home. This was about 10:25. But it was not until about 11:40 p.m. on 84th St. and her body was found dumped in a gutter.

The murdered girl's best friend, Sandra Kullman, 18, of 302 72nd St., Bklyn., told the World-Telegram and Sun today that a strange man had been following Pat for several weeks.

As she started to walk by him, he grabbed her and tried to throw her to the sidewalk. She screamed and fought him. He hit her in the face, knocked her down and fled. She got up and ran into the house. A

They chatted for a few more minutes, then Pat said she was going home. She started walking along 72nd St. in the direction of her house.

Her Bag Missing.

Mr. Flatkral and Mr. Smith reported that Pat was carrying a large black tote bag. This bag has not been found. Her shoes and one pink glove also were missing when police found her in the gutter.

About 35 persons, mostly young men and girls from Pat's neighborhood crowd, were questioned by police yesterday and last night. But Deputy Inspector John Dunn said "we're not any closer to a solution than we were when the body was discovered."

Bought Easter Hat.

Sandra Kullman told the World-Telegram and Sun that she talked to Pat on the telephone a few minutes before Pat went out Wednesday night.

"She told me she had bought a beautiful Easter hat," Sandra said. "And we made plans to go to an Easter dance together on Sunday night. She sounded

"If you're attractive like Pat was, you're bound to be bothered by men. But this particular man terrified her because he kept popping up unexpectedly and trying to grab her or talk to her."

Didn't Go Steady.

Sandra said the man knew Pat made frequent trips between her home and the luncheonette, and may have been waiting for her Wednesday night.

"I'm sure it wasn't any of the neighborhood boys," she said of the killer. "Pat went out with several boys, but she didn't go steady with any of them and there were no serious romances. The only trouble she ever told me about was with this man she didn't know."

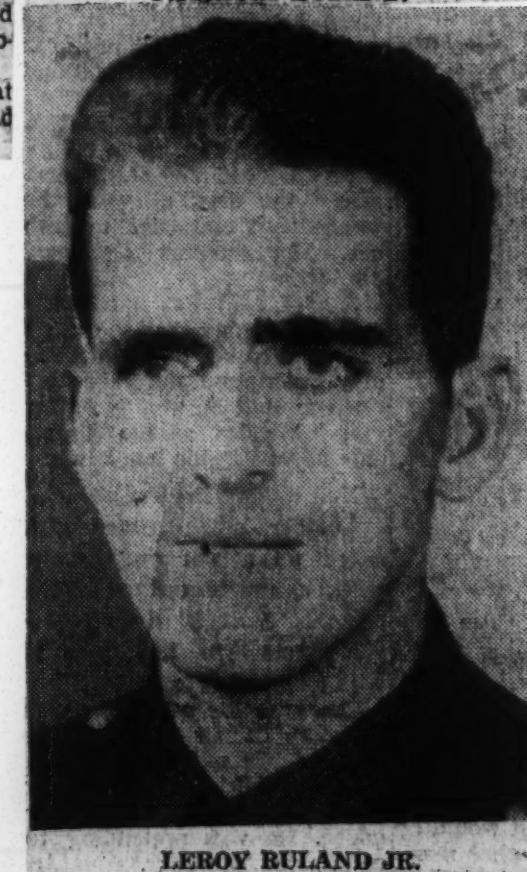
"If there was anything else, any quarrels with boys or jealousy, things like that, I'm certain she would have told me about it."

Pat's brother, Patrolman Leroy Ruland Jr., 28, confirmed that she had no serious romantic attachments.

Patrolman Ruland said Pat never told him that a man had been bothering her.



PATRICIA RULAND.



LEROY RULAND JR.

Father, 24, Accused

Herald Tribune

Attempts Rape at Girls Club, Is Shot

New York

A twenty-four-year-old clerk, married and the father of a year-old son, was shot and wounded at 2:30 a. m. yesterday after he broke into a young woman's room in the Girls Club Association of Brooklyn, 174 Prospect Place, and made an unsuccessful attempt to rape her, according to police.

Taken to the prison ward of Kings County in fair condition with a bullet in his left thigh was Eric William Struckman, of 211 Prospect Place, diagonally across the street from the club. According to police, Struckman made similar unsuccessful attempts to rape women living in the club on May 13 and May 15. In each case the woman fought off her attacker until her screams brought help.

Since the second attempt, Detectives John O'Flaherty and Robert Kissel have been watching the club. When Struckman refused to heed two warning shots, the detectives fired directly at him.

Accused of Queens Rape

Two seventeen-year-old boys were charged in Queens Felony Court yesterday with the rape of a seventeen-year-old high school girl in her home in the Melba section of Whitestone, Queens, on Thursday evening.

The boys, who denied the charge, are Caetano Saldieveri, of 23-39 24th St., Astoria, Queens, an office boy, and Theodore Kiamos, of 21-25 24th Ave., Astoria, a florist's helper. They were released on \$5,000 bail each pending a hearing Wednesday.

The girl, whose name was withheld, testified that she and a friend met the boys on Wednesday afternoon in a luncheonette and that the boys, in Kiamos' car, drove the girls home.

On Thursday at 6:30 p. m., she said, just after her mother and father left the house for dinner, the two boys rang her doorbell, and she, thinking her parents had come back for something, opened the door.

When they got in, she said, Saldieveri played the piano while Kiamos forced her to go upstairs to her bedroom, where he raped her. The parents said that when they returned at 8:30

they found the girl lying on the floor, crying hysterically.

According to the account given in court, Kiamos called the house several times on Friday and, talking to the girl's father, finally made a "date" with her for 7:30 that night. The father made the date at the recommendation of the police. When Kiamos showed up he was arrested.

9239

Student Freed Of Rape Charge

CHARLOTTE, June 19.—A Mecklenburg County grand jury refused to indict Jerry R. Leatherwood, 29-year-old pharmacy student from Waynesville, in a charge of raping a University of North Carolina co-ed.

Leatherwood was arrested in April on warrants sworn out here by T. F. Bridges, Shelby contractor and father of 22-year-old Joann Bridges.

The girl told police that while she was on the way home from Chapel Hill with Leatherwood for spring holidays, she was raped in his car. She also charged that she was raped in a Mecklenburg County motel where Leatherwood registered them as man and wife. She said she was sick and too frightened to escape.

By JACK CROSSWELL.

RAEFORD, Aug. 21—Dr. Perry Odum, 39-year-old chiropractor, went on trial today in Iredell County Superior Court, on charge of attempted rape on the buxom wife of the local police chief.

Mrs. Verna Stanton, the alleged victim, was the only witness taking the stand after the much-discussed trial opened shortly after 3 p. m. The bulk of the day was used in selecting a jury.

R-22-51
Assault Claimed.

A white-haired grandmother, Mrs. Stanton, testified that she was assaulted in the back room of Dr. Odum's clinic, March 1, where she said she went for treatment of a sinus ailment.

At the time of the alleged attack, Mrs. Stanton told the court, she was clad in her panties and brassiere. She said that she had just received treatment and had gone to the back room to change into her street clothes when the chiropractor entered.

R-22-51
Ordered Out.

"I told him I got out," she said.

She added that he walked up and explained that he wanted to examine her shoulder. This, she later said, she permitted.

"The next thing I knew, he shoved me onto the bed."

Dr. Odum, Mrs. Stanton charged, said he was going to have intercourse with her.

R-22-51
Calls For Order.

At this point, Judge Malcolm Seawell of Lumberton, presiding, called for order because of an outburst of laughter in the crowded courtroom. He warned that further demonstrations would bring a jail sentence.

Mrs. Stanton claimed that prior to the alleged attack Dr. Odum had given her a glass of whiskey for her nerves.

Under questioning by private prosecutor, Luther Britt of Lumberton, she said that she rushed out of the clinic and went to the police station to inform her husband, Police Chief Lawrence Stanton, of the rape attempt.

Defense attorney Hugh Mitchell of Statesville, former Iredell

County legislator, asked her if she testified about the whiskey at the preliminary hearing some months ago. After hesitating, Mrs. Stanton claimed that she had told it only to the grand jury, but not in open court.

"Isn't it a fact that you dressed and left without seeing the doctor after the treatment was completed?" asked Mitchell.

"No," replied the witness in a husky voice.

R-22-51
Unlocked Doors.

She said that following the attack she had to unlock two doors to get out of the clinic.

Mitchell asked if she didn't invent the charge to square herself with her husband for not having prepared his noon lunch. She claims to have entered the clinic at noon and to have left about 3 p. m.

Again she answered, no.

R-22-51
Once Estranged.

Under cross examination, she admitted that her husband had left her in November and that they had been back together for only a few months at the time of the alleged incident.

Mrs. Stanton also denied that she had had an affair with her son-in-law, Bill Holland, that had caused her husband to leave.

The 49-year-old woman, attired in a black dress with white trimmings, sat with her officer-husband during the trial.

District Solicitor Maurice Braswell, Britt and defense attorney James R. Nance and Mitchell spent about four hours selecting a jury.

Several jurors were turned down because they said that they already believed that Dr. Odum was innocent. Two were rejected because of family relationship with Mrs. Stanton and one because of financial dealing with the Stanton family.

More witnesses are expected to be heard Thursday.

Wife Tells of Alleged Rape Try As Chiropractor's Trial Opens

27h(2) 1957

NORTH CAROLINA

9240

Man Is Freed In Rape Try Case

BAKERSVILLE, April 12 (UPI)—A 25-year-old Bakersville man was acquitted in Mitchell Superior Court here today of a charge of attempting to rape a deaf mute Spruce Pine housewife.

An all-male jury returned the verdict after 20 minutes deliberation, ending the three-day trial of Joe Street. Street had pleaded not guilty to the charge, which was specifically assault with intent to commit rape.

The defense contended that the alleged victim, Mrs. Daniel Autry, 23, was mistaken in her identification of Street as her attacker. The testimony was that Street had been working as a bill collector at the time of the incident, last July, had stopped at the home of a neighbor of Mrs. Autry in the course of his work, but had not entered Mrs. Autry's home and did not know the victim.

Mrs. Autry on Wednesday had pointed to Street as her attacker. She testified through an interpreter from the State School for the Deaf at Morganton that the man had entered her home after she unlocked the door, believing he had come on business, and that she fought off his advances.

This morning, the defense presented character witnesses for Street. The case went to the jury after Judge Zeb V. Nettles of Asheville turned down a motion that the charge be non-suited.

Street had been indicted by the grand jury on presentation of a bill by Solicitor J. Alley Hayes of North Wilkesboro. This followed an investigation held after no probable cause had been found against him at a preliminary hearing before the Spruce Pine magistrate shortly after the alleged attack.

Approximately 250 people followed the course of the trial in the little courtroom.

27h(2) 1957

OHIO

9241

Father Killed Defending Girl

Columbus, Ohio, March 27 (AP)—
Police today searched for a
prowler who tried to rape a 12-
year-old girl and then shot and
killed her father.

Walter Blankenship, 37, was
shot six times point-blank, police
said.

Detective Sgt. Wayne Morgan
said the intruder apparently
entered through the basement.
He made his way to the girl's
bedroom and threatened to kill
her and her parents if she
screamed.

The man tried to molest the
girl, but she struck at him and
fled screaming into the adjoining
bedroom where her father and
mother were sleeping.

She ran past her father into
still another bedroom, shouting,
"There's a man in the house."

She told police she heard the
prowler threaten her father,
saying, "Don't come near me or
I'll shoot." A moment later she
heard shots fired, police said.

The prowler fled out the front
door.

9241

27h(2) 1957

OKLAHOMA

9242

Drug Assault P. T. 6 Appeal Filed

TULSA, Okla. (AP)—Attorneys for Dr. John Richard Rhine, 35, Tulsa physician convicted of drugging and raping a 20-year-old patient, have filed notice of taking the case to the Oklahoma Criminal Court of Appeals.

A district court jury of 12 men fixed punishment for the doctor at two years in the state penitentiary after deliberating the four-day-old trial for more than eight hours. He could have been sentenced up to 15 years on the second-degree rape conviction.

Defense attorney Robert L. Wheeler informed the judge he would appeal the verdict to the state's highest court. Rhine was accused of injecting a woman patient with sodium pentobarbital to overcome her resistance, then sexually assaulting her. He denied the charge in court.

27h(2) 1957

RHODE ISLAND

9243

Amazonian Co-eds

36 Girls Capture Dormitory Invader, Black His Eyes, Sit on Him for Police

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 10 (LNS)—Thirty-six Pembroke College girls today proved too much for a 24-year-old man who allegedly slipped through a partly opened window and crept into bed with a room mate at 1:45 a.m.

The screams of Paula A. Hersey, 18, of Lawrenceville, Ill., awokened her roommate, Sandra Newman, also 18, of Needham, Mass. Sandra aroused the house mother, Mrs. Frank Greene and the other girls in King House.

Police arrived to find the girls in control of the situation. The suspect, identified by police as Albert R. Messier, 28, of Pawtucket, was spread-eagled on the floor of the girls' room, with five pajama or nightgown-clad girls holding him down.

His arms and legs were pinned down by a girl each, and another sat calmly on his stomach. Both his eyes had been blackened.

A plea of innocent was entered for Messier by Judge Louis Di Pasquale in 6th District Court, where he was arraigned on charges of breaking and entering and assault with intent to attack Paula. He was held without bail on the breaking and entering count and \$15,000 on the attack charge.

Date for trial was set for the day before Christmas.

The defendant is on two deferred sentences imposed Oct. 17 by Rhode Island Superior Court for peeping at coeds in Bryant College, a business school not far from Pembroke College.

27h(2) 1957

SOUTH CAROLINA

9244

Man Is Held In Darlington Assault Case

DARLINGTON, Nov. 27 (Special)-A young man is being held in the Darlington County Jail charged with assault and battery of a man and aggravated nature and assault with intent to ravish a 14-year-old girl.

Sheriff Grover C. Bryant Jr. said that Homer Murphy Williams of Bristol, Tenn., was arrested late yesterday in Florence.

According to Sheriff Bryant, the girl, who was working in Florence and attends night school there, offered a ride home by Williams after school last night. The sheriff quoted the girl as saying Williams insisted on taking her to a drive-in eating place which he promised to take her home. Instead he took her through Darlington County and made advances to her which she resisted. Finally, she got out of the car on the Doves

27h(2) 1957

Insurance Operator Out On \$1,000 Bond

HOUSTON — A white insurance operator was charged Saturday with criminal assault on a 17-year-old expectant mother after the young wife went through a series of lie-detector tests Friday night.

The accused man, George R. Clark, No. 2 Sleepy Oak, was charged before Justice of the Peace W. C. Ragan and his bond was placed at \$1,000.

Because of the victim's age the case is being handled through the juvenile division of the police department.

In a written statement to the division, the girl told of having been raped in the man's office at Tuam about 5:15 P.M. Friday, soon after his secretary left the office for the day.

In a statement to The Informer, the girl said she had been hired to wait for the man and his wife for about three days prior to the incident. Friday, she said, he called her and told her he wanted her to clean his office. She said he told her what his "line" and gave her directions to the office.

When she arrived at the office, Mr. Clark was not in and the secretary showed her where the cleaning supplies were. The girl said. In about 15 minutes Mr. Clark arrived and the secretary left, she added.

"That's him," he said the girl exclaimed.

He said they took the girl to a telephone on Binz and Almeda where she called police.

A sister of the girl said the girl called her first and told her what had happened and she told the girl to call police right away.

"She was so frightened she hardly knew what she was doing," the sister said.

Mr. Stovall was not available when called, but an office attendant described the girl as appearing "very frightened."

"I told him all I wanted was the \$10 and he then began calling me bad names and locked me in the office."

"He got a pistol and, after telling me it was 'no toy,' forced me

TEXAS

sperm. She told the reporter the test was given her three times and after the third time she was asked if she wished to prefer charges.

An attempt to obtain the results of the test failed Monday.

Mr. Clark refused to give police a statement and refused to take the test, officers said, on advice of his attorney. He also refused to be interviewed by The Informer.

Bus Driver Charged In Assault On Woman

HOUSTON — A Houston Transit Company driver has been charged with aggravated assault in allegedly attempting to rape a 21-year-old mother of two small children who was a passenger on his bus.

According to homicide officers Clarence John Brown, the driver, has been charged before Justice of the Peace Thomas Maes.

The young mother told The Informer she boarded a Holman bus as she headed for her residence in the Fourth Ward after getting off from work in the Sunnyside Addition last Thursday night. She had a check, but no cash. The driver told her he could not cash her check, but would let her off at the next bus stop.

It was 10:30 or 11 P.M. and the victim said that she was the only passenger on the bus at the time. She told the driver to let her off, but he refused. When the bus got to about the 500 block on Rosalie, going down Louisiana, the driver attacked her, after she refused his approaches, the victim said. She said he threw her down on one of the seats and tore her clothing, but she fought him off and screamed. When the attacker saw residents in the area turning on their lights, he let her off the bus and she ran all the way home and then called officers, she said.

The woman said the company officials were called by the officers and she later went to Homicide and positively identified the driver.

9245

27h(2) 1957

VIRGINIA

9246

Student at Virginia U. Cleared in Rape Case

Post + Times Herald P.3-a
Gri. 3-1-57
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.,
Feb. 28 (UPI)—Richard N. Chakejian, 21-year-old University of
Virginia student, was found innocent by a jury today of a
rape charge brought by a teen-
aged secretary from Richmond.

Chakejian admitted having
relations with the girl who
was spending the weekend
here to attend a university
dance last November, but he
denied raping her.

He testified yesterday the
girl had made physical ad-
vances to him in ear earlier
the same morning the alleged
rape occurred and that she had
willingly entered into relations
with him.

He denied he used any force,
threat, violence or over-persua-
sion.

Chakejian testified the girl
had "made a play" for him
while dating a friend and had
asked him to meet her for a
"late date" at 4 a. m. Sunday,
Nov. 4.

They went to a restaurant,
he said, and then to the apart-
ment of Joseph T. Palumbo, 20,
a second-year student from
Newburgh, N. Y. It was Pa-
lumbo the girl had gone to the
university to date.

Youth Pleads Guilty in Girl Attack

Post + Times Herald
Raoul Allen Bryan, 19,
pleaded guilty yesterday to
charges of raping a 17-year-old
woman last November.

Bryan, who lives at 334 W.
Lee St., Alexandria, said in
Fauquier Circuit Court that he
and three other youths were in-
volved. He was released on
\$500 bond. -9-37

Judge Charles E. Brown sched-
uled sentencing on May 3 after
a probation report.

Bryan is the second of the
four youths to plead guilty in
the case. The first was Enoch
Roach Jr., 19, of 16 John
Roberts Homes, Alexandria.

9247

Youth Twice Indicted For Alexandria Rape

Tues. 3-12-57

A 17-year-old Alexandria youth was indicted for rape a second time yesterday by a Halifax County grand jury.

David Reid Dodson, 17, Baggett st., Alexandria, is charged with raping a 17-year-old Alexandria girl last Nov. 29. He was certified as an adult by Juvenile Court Judge John A. Rothrock and was indicted by a grand jury Jan. 14.

The indictment was nullified into the woods on foot. She was released from a hospital this afternoon after treatment for cuts on her arms and contusions.

and erroneous" because Juvenile Court specified that Dodson must undergo a psychiatric examination prior to his trial. The trial was therefore postponed and the case returned to Juvenile Court.

Yesterday, a psychiatric report from the Child Guidance Clinic recommended against certifying Dodson. Judge Rothrock certified him a second time.

The Judge said he had the utmost confidence in the Child Guidance Clinic but that his order was based on the boy's past record and the seriousness of his crime.

Dodson pleaded not guilty when arraigned in Circuit Court yesterday. Trial was set for May 21.

The grand jury returned 17 true bills. Among them were indictments against Donald E. Thompson and Enoch Roach, who were involved in an unsuccessful break from Fairfax County Jail last Feb. 12.

Thompson, 19, of Oklahoma City, pleaded not guilty to charges of aiding a felon to escape and feloniously assaulting a sheriff's deputy. He also pleaded not guilty to the charge which jailed him originally, that of raping a 15-year-old Annandale girl.

Roach, 19, of 16 John Roberts Homes, Alexandria, was indicted for felonious assault and aiding in the escape of a felon.

A manslaughter indictment was returned against James Homer Coles, Manassas, Va., in connection with a traffic accident Jan. 13 in which Robert Warren Hale was killed. Coles

Police spotted the Negro's car when he returned to the area and the chase began. One police car bounced off the fleeing vehicle in an unsuccessful effort to stop it.

Another police car attempted to block the street but the gunman

Gunman Abducts, Knifes Woman

RICHMOND, Va., March 25 (UPI) — A Negro gunman abducted a young woman from her escort today, raped and knifed her and used her for a shield as he crashed through police roadblocks in a stolen car.

The 23-year-old victim was left in the car when the Negro fled.

Richmond police began a man-hunt for the attacker with every available member of the force.

Several possible suspects were picked up.

The woman's identity under Virginia law, was not revealed.

Her male companion was 29-year-old Herbert Lee Nowlin of Richmond.

Nowlin said the Negro attempted to kill him but the gunman's pistol

arrested by Patrolman Vernon B. Markham in Huntington

Newlan told police that he and Park last Wednesday night the young woman were returning from a drive-in movie in his car over to the Newport News about 1 a.m. today. He said they Juvenile Detention Home.

When they got in her car, they found the Negro inside.

Nowlin said the Negro told them, "just keep talking. I'm going to take your woman and then kill you."

Nowlin said the man ordered them out of the car, forcing them to walk ahead of him down the street. He said he told the woman to run and when she fled down the street screaming, he turned on the

street screaming, he turned on the

He said he heard the pistol click four times before he grappled with the Negro. He told police he was beaten with the pistol butt and left lying on the street.

Police said the Negro raced after the fleeing woman, dragged her into the car, then raped her after speeding from the scene.

The woman told police that after the attack the Negro threatened to kill her "because you've seen my face," but said he was going "to see how the boy friend is doing first."

But Nowlin had regained consciousness and notified police.

Arrest White Man In Rape Of Girls 11 And 14

WARWICK, Va. — William L. Effler, a 31-year-old Newport News white man, is charged by Warwick police with the statutory rape of two colored girls, ages 14 and 11.

Effler, of the 4800 block of

Huntington Avenue, was arrested by Patrolman Vernon B. Markham in Huntington

about 1 a.m. today. He said they Juvenile Detention Home.

When they got in her car, they

found the Negro inside.

Nowlin said the Negro told them, "just keep talking. I'm going to take your woman and then kill you."

Nowlin said the man ordered them out of the car, forcing them to walk ahead of him down the street. He said he told the woman to run and when she fled down the street screaming, he turned on the

street screaming, he turned on the

He said he heard the pistol click four times before he grappled with the Negro. He told police he was beaten with the pistol butt and left lying on the street.

Police said the Negro raced after the fleeing woman, dragged her into the car, then raped her after speeding from the scene.

The woman told police that after the attack the Negro threatened to kill her "because you've seen my face," but said he was going "to see how the boy friend is doing first."

But Nowlin had regained consciousness and notified police.

'Kiss or Kill' Attacker Jailed Youth to Face 2 Women He Admits He Assaulted

By JAMES BUCHANAN

Herald Staff Writer
Rudolph Herring, 20-year-old confessed "kiss or kill" rapist and throat-slasher, will face the women he says he attacked in a special police lineup today while officers check his possible connection with 20 other unsolved sex cases.

Herring admitted Saturday that he was the young blond sought for the rape of a 31-year-old widow last Wednesday and the man who on April 8 sliced the throat of another woman who refused him a kiss.

Police said Herring will be placed in a "lineup with other prisoners" today or at the latest Monday morning, and that victims of recent rape attacks and assaults will have an opportunity to identify him.

Miami homicide detectives and deputy sheriffs captured Herring at 6:30 a.m. Saturday after a brief fight in an abandoned shack at 2801 NW 39th St.

With DiLuichio at the time of the capture were Det. C. M. Shepherd, and deputy sheriffs Mike O'Brian and N. G. LeDuc. Waiting inside, they nabbed Herring when he returned early Saturday morning from what he said was a "trip out of town."

During questioning by Detective Eddie Bush, Herring first admitted the Wednesday rape-service operator whom he had pulled from her office and attacked in the back of a truck.

A short time later, Herring admitted to Detective Shepherd the knife attack on Miss Norma Dietel, 31, as she waited for a bus at Brickell Ave. at SE 6th St. the evening of April 8.

Miss Dietel, of 1800 N. Bayshore Dr., was released a week ago from Jackson Memorial Hospital. Her throat was cut and her purse stolen after she refused to kiss a man who accosted her at the bus stop.

Herring is being held in a police lineup at Jackson Memorial Hospital where two attempted to question him. They gave up their first attempt when the youth refused to answer any questions.

Police refused to permit reporters to talk to Herring, and said there will be no photographs of him "until he has been in the lineup."

"We want a number of persons to see him," Shepherd said. "And we don't want any of them influenced by any pictures they may see in the papers."

KILLED AGAIN

Cut 10 Years

FROM HIGH PLACES



Herald Staff Photo by Doug Edmunds
Where Confessed Rapist Lived
... filthy shack at 2801 NW 39th St.

He Lived by Day In Squallid Shack

Miami By ALAN MacLEEESE

Miami's confessed "kiss-or-kill" attacker spent his days locked alone inside a filth-ridden hovel in the northwest section—just a block from busy 27th Avenue.

Seldom did persons living in homes around the condemned shack in the midst of a weed-choked, overgrown field see the man described by police as the "most fiendish subject we've ever come upon."

Rudolph Valentino Herring, blond-haired, blue-eyed 20-year-old confessed rapist, had been living for more than six months in a shack at 2801 NW 39th St.—a building condemned more than two years ago by the health department.

Closest home to the trash-littered, ill-smelling structure is the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Neal, 2750 NW 40th St.

Mrs. Neal said her family seldom saw the youth in the daytime—"he kept locked alone in there," but her granddaughter, Peggy Black, 12, said she saw Herring often.

"He was always going out all dressed up at night," Peggy said. "Sometimes he'd borrow my brother's bike to go riding for groceries."

The little girl related how Herring told her he'd hitchhiked all the way from Texas.

"But I believed that just like I believe a dog has rabbit ears," said Peggy, unaware she had chatted with a man police are questioning in regard to 20 unsolved sex crimes.

Mrs. Neal said Herring impressed her as a "not too bright" lad. "He didn't seem to know what was going on," she said.

Other neighbors deplored the fact that the condemned shack was not burned down long ago. "Tramps and bums have been hanging out there for years," one person said.

Neighbors said they thought the shack was owned by a "Jim Morgan, from Atlanta."

HELD IN RAPE OF DIXIE GIRL, BOND \$100,000

Tues. 3-5-7

Re-arrest Creates Court Uproar

Tues. 3-5-7

FAVORS CRIME BUREAU
State's Atty. Adamowski urges "centralized scientific bureau" with overall jurisdiction in crime investigations; suggests abolishing coroner's office. Story on page 2.

Edward L. (Bennie) Bedwell was back in jail last night, after a few seconds of freedom as a suspect in the Grimes case. Immediately after he was unshackled, he apparently entered in the Bedford Park branch's 18th floor office at 208 La Salle, police court, he was arrested on a fugitive warrant, accuseing him of raping a 13 year old girl *on Dec. 14, 1956*.

Force Entry at Two

In only two instances, the burglars used force to enter offices. The door was forced in the office of Western National Insurance company on the ninth floor at 208 La Salle, where \$35 in cash and \$45 in stamps were taken, and an intruder apparently entered in the Bedford Park branch's 18th floor office at 135 La Salle, police court, he was arrested on a fugitive warrant, accuseing him of raping a 13 year old girl *on Dec. 14, 1956*.

Looted Recently

Two weeks ago five offices at 205 W. Wacker dr., four at 230 N. Michigan av., and two offices at 1 N. La Salle st. were looted.

Detectives Lester Carey and Martin Harrison said the same person or persons may have committed all burglaries.

It was the third time this year that there has been a large scale looting of downtown buildings. On Jan. 9 several floors of the 12 story building at 30 N. La Salle st. were ransacked.

IKE SCHEDULES BERMUDA TRIP

Ike is being held in a police lineup at Jackson Memorial Hospital where two attempted to question him. They gave up their first attempt when the youth refused to answer any questions.

Police refused to permit reporters to talk to Herring, and said there will be no photographs of him "until he has been in the lineup."

"We want a number of persons to see him," Shepherd said. "And we don't want any of them influenced by any pictures they may see in the papers."

Girl Identifies Assailant

Sheriff Lohman told reporters that he first learned about the rape charge pending against Bedwell in Florida last Friday night, and that he immediately sent Sgt. Ray Hederman and another deputy to De Land with photographs of Bedwell. He said the rape victim identified the photographs as those of her assailant.

She strengthened the identification, Lohman said, by describing a hand deformity.

Robbers Tie Three; Feed Baby

which Bedwell has had since birth, and which was aggravated when he burned his palms in a fall against a hot stove while in the army.

The deputies returned to Chicago Sunday night, and on their information, Eiserman issued a warrant. A warrant issued in Florida for Bedwell, charging him with rape and assault, arrived in the mail yesterday.

Warrant Landed In Florida

Deputy Sheriff Hardie R. Daugherty of Volusia county, Florida, told THE TRIBUNE that the rape victim, the daughter of a government employee, had supplied authorities with Bedwell's name, and that a warrant had been issued for him there shortly after the crime.

At the time, he said, Bedwell was working for a carnival known as the Blue Grass show. Daugherty said that Bedwell lured the girl from the carnival grounds to an abandoned shack, where he held her prisoner from Friday night until the following Monday. The girl told authorities that he beat and raped her.

The original warrant for Bedwell's arrest on the rape charge, issued in Florida March 13, 1958, names him as "Bennie Bedwell."

Yesterday's court hearing son of the Tsobanakis couple, and finally fled with \$1,450 they began sedately with a motion found in the home.

Bradshaw, Deputy Sheriff Al Covell gave Bradshaw a brushing block, which threw him off stride and left him several feet behind his client. The other deputy sheriffs formed a ring, with Brennan and Bedwell in the center. "Are you Mr. Bedwell?" Bedwell said he was.

"I now place you under arrest on a warrant charging you with being a fugitive from justice," Brennan told Bedwell. Bedwell then was taken to the captain's office.

Door Slammed Shut
Before the motion could be granted, however, Undersheriff Thomas Brennan stepped up to the judge's bench and asked permission to make a statement. This drew objections from Bradshaw and Zadek, but both were overruled.

Brennan then said he wanted to thank the Chicago police, suburban police, suburban fire departments, the forest rangers and other police agencies which assisted in investigating the murder of the two Grimes sisters, Barbara, 15, and Patricia, 13, whose bodies were found Jan. 22 on the north side of Germantown Church rd. 200 feet east of County Line rd. The girls disappeared Dec. 28.

After Bradshaw's motion was granted, he and Bedwell stepped to one end of the judge's bench and posed for pictures.

Gets "Finest Present"
"This is your 21st birthday and this is the finest present you could receive," Bradshaw told Bedwell.

Bedwell said he planned to go to Tennessee to fish and rest. He also expressed his gratitude to Morris Brown, Champaign bondsman, who supplied the \$20,000 bond on which Bennie had been at liberty since medical findings scuttled his "confession" that he murdered the two Grimes girls and placed the bodies where they were found, on Jan. 13.

Meanwhile, Brennan had stationed himself just outside the courtroom door, ringed by sex deputies in a horseshoe shaped line.

Gets Brushing Block
As Bedwell started out the door, followed by Brown and



Mary Constanas, her sister, Mrs. Helen Tsobanakis, and Helen's husband, Robert, showing Mr. and Mrs. Gus Constanas how they were tied by robbers who invaded the Constanas home in Detroit.

The intruders played phonograph records, fed the 4 month old corpus in Bedwell's behalf, in an effort to obtain a reduction in the bond.

United Press Telephone

than he has of flying to the moon.

Bradshaw told reporters he has not decided whether to apply for a writ of habeas corpus in Bedwell's behalf, in an effort to obtain a reduction in the bond.

Brown, the bondsman, asked if he might be able to supply such a sum, said, "I think Bennie will be safer in jail."

Zadek said that if Bedwell is brought into Criminal court on a writ of habeas corpus, he will demand that the offense be declared nonbailable.

Tells of Information
Sheriff Lohman said he does not know why the warrant against Bedwell in Florida did not come to light earlier, in view of the publicity given to the Grimes case. He said he obtained the information about the warrant "from our field investigation."

He refused to speculate on whether Bedwell's warrant weakens or strengthens the evidence against him in the Grimes case.

"I don't want to prejudge the Florida case," he said here.

When Bedwell was returned to court, Bradshaw protested to the judge that an attempt had been made to lock him in the courtroom.

"This is one of the oldest tricks in the world," he said. "This has been an case, and it is getting worse as it goes along."

Not Subject to Bail

Bradshaw then protested that the information on which the warrant was based was hearsay on the part of deputy sheriffs, but Zadek insisted that the warrant was in order. Zadek objected to the fixing of any bond. He read an extract from a Florida statute, which provides that rape, which carries a punishment upon conviction of death or life imprisonment, is not a bailable offense.

Judge Eiserman fixed the bond at \$100,000, however, after noting that that was the amount of bond specified in the original warrant.

Bradshaw told the court that Bedwell has no more chance of raising \$100,000

United Press Telephone

Al

9248

Integrationist Flees Alabama Mob And Is Fined as Reckless Driver

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 6—A mob of rock-throwing whites, yelling threats today at the Rev. W. H. Borders, pastor of the Wheat Street Baptist Church. They were met here by the Rev. Larry H. Williams, —as well as fined \$30 for reckless driving in making his escape.

Lamar Weaver, the integration reporter, had just left the Terminal Railroad Station where a Negro couple, en route to Atlanta, tested the integration policy in a waiting room, when he was assailed with a suitcase and his Cadillac crashed with a suitcase and cement blocks as he tried to escape from a crowd of white men.

He was convicted at a special hearing of running a red light and Birmingham's Terminal Station. Reckless driving as he drove his car from a parking lot for a talk with the Rev. Shuttleworth through a gantlet of his tormentors. Shuttleworth and his wife had taken a seat in the white waiting room at the station and were allowed to remain. However, police "repeated threats against my life" had forced him into hiding.

"Obviously, I was fined for being in the terminal station and not for reckless driving," was Weaver's comment on the police court judgment.

The fine was \$25 and \$5 costs. City police testified that Weaver with cries of "nigger lover" into the station and sat down." About 25 or 30 of the men followed the integration leader to the Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Shuttlesworth, "at the height of racial unrest" at the scene.

In Atlanta, arrival of the Shuttleworths was without incident.

Commenting on the Birmingham events, the Rev. Mr. Shuttleworth said, "It is certainly unfortunate that there are some white people who will stoop so low to do such a thing."

"I went to thank the Birmingham police for being on the job," managed to shut the car door and keep the attacker away. Weaver people from hurting us and made backed into another car, put his way for us into the waiting car in low and ran headlong into traffic, barely missing several cars.

"I gave them every opportunity to arrest me but they wouldn't. He drove to City Hall to protest it," he said.

Shuttleworth said one purpose of his trip was to see if he would be arrested.

The next step for the rail-road people to do is just to remove the signs which say "white" and those which say "colored," "I think it is best I leave to avoid any more trouble," he said.

"I don't know where I am going to go but it will be out of Birmingham," he said.

Integration is indefensible and sustained attack; and this and Alabama.

Weaver, a clerk at U.S. Steel's

big Tennessee Coal and Iron Division here, has requested permission for himself and Shuttleworth to appear before the Senate subcommittee on Constitutional Rights.

He was granted permission to submit a written report since the subcommittee closed its hearings yesterday. Weaver, a frequent speaker before Negro integration groups, claimed "repeated threats killed a man and shot his wife, an expectant mother.

It all came about because a white police officer was shot and local citizens decided to "get a Negro" for the shooting.

L **A GROUP OF** local officers led the party of 150 or more that used rifles, tear gas, hand grenades and other weapons of "modern warfare" in raiding the home of the colored family.

Four white teen-agers were stopped by Deputy Sheriff Floyd L. Porter on a routine traffic investigation Sunday evening. As the officer was talking to the teenagers, a shot rang out and the officer suffered gunshot wounds that necessitated the amputation of a hand.

THE TEEN-AGERS sped into town and aroused the citizens.

A hastily-formed posse stormed the home of Willie Dunnigan, 45. Dunnigan, according to reports, engaged in a shooting battle with the posse, but was forced from his home by exploding tear gas. As he left the house, he was shot down. When officers entered the residence, they found his wife, Mrs. Louise Dunnigan, who is expecting a baby next month, wounded in the stomach. Two men were also in the Dunnigan residence.

The "posse" that took part in the shooting bore all the identifying marks of a south-

150 Whites "Assist" Officers

Journal Guide Ala. Posse Storms House, Kills Man, Hurts Wife

ern mob. There were guns, sticks, rocks, blood-hounds, ropes and all the other "necessary ingredients."

Lynching Or Murder?

FORE DEPOSITO, Ala.—Young Roger Hamilton was lynched, Lowndes County Sheriff Frank Royals main witness.

The sheriff asserts, "Reports reaching the Northern press tagged the death last Oct. 22 a lynching. However, our investigation revealed nothing that leads us to believe these reports."

Nineteen-year-old Hamilton was kidnapped from his home, taken away in a truck, and shot to death according to his mother's story.

The sheriff said that Mrs. Hamilton's stories of the incident could not be "verified" and noted that she had told two different stories of the incident.

9248

Why Was Willie Dunnigan Killed in Alabama Gun Fight?

By TREZZVANT W. ANDERSON

(Courier Boving Reporter)

CLANTON, Ala.—The chocolate-colored body of strapping Willie Dunnigan, 41, lay on the slab in the embalming room of the Wilson Funeral Home—a pattern of bullet holes forming an almost perfect circle in the center of his chest, too perfect to seem that they were the result of a foray of shots from a sheriff's posse. I looked at them and wondered.

Forty minutes later, Mrs. Louise Dunnigan, 41, now the widow of the slain non-smoking, non-drinking, hard-working father of eight children, looked at me through dazed eyes.

WHEN THAT pitched battle ensued early Sunday morning, Nov. 17, at the little crossroads dot on the map called Lomax, Willie, his wife, and four of their eight children were asleep in bed when the police officers arrived on the scene.

Every Negro in the Lomax community was wide awake and fearful on the Saturday night which preceded what would normally have been an ordinary Sunday morning when most of the Lomax Negroes would have gone up the hill to the Holiness Church to which most of them belonged.

There they would have worshipped their God. But on this night, such was not to be.

And herein lies a great tragedy! This reporter honestly and sincerely feels that a serious mistake brought on the gun battles which killed Willie.

Willie Dunnigan, unemployed for one week before his killing by the sheriff's posse, died with absolute and sincere belief that he was defending his home from that low-life Alabama group who call themselves the KU KLUX Klan.

Incidentally, Alabama's Atty. General John Patterson, proud securer of an injunction against the NAACP, has done nothing against the Klan.

But Willie Dunnigan's great sacrifice is another evidence that Alabama Negroes are not "scared" of the Klan and know

that Alabama Klansmen are nothing but a bunch of low-class, ignorant, poor whites whose chief claim to notoriety is their envy of Negroes who are getting along well.

This reporter asked Chilton County Sheriff Hugh Champion if Willie had a police record or if he had ever been arrested. "I don't know of his having been arrested," the sheriff told me in an irritable voice, as if he resented the question.

To recapitulate the Lomax battles: there were THREE running gun battles, according to the reports. Four deputy sheriffs were wounded. One was seriously hurt, the reports said. The other three merely sustained scratches which required no hospital action. It was the wounding of the first deputy which set off the chain of events.

That wounding allegedly came when an unidentified Negro, later said to have been Willie Hunt (or Ocie Hill) fired at close range at one of Mr. Champion's deputies and almost blew off his hand. This shooting allegedly came from an ambush while deputies were checking the license of a truck driver.

But it set off a chain of events. The person who fired fled, and the deputies set off in pursuit. The trail grew cold and bloodhounds were brought in. "We used 'tracking dogs,'" Sheriff Champion told the Courier.

Sheriff Champion told the Courier these dogs tracked the trail of the ambusher to the back door of Willie Dunnigan's house. That is where the third pitched battle ensued. Prior to that time had come to ambush, then another skirmish at the Holiness church on a hill some 300 or 400 yards from Dunnigan's, and then the fatal battle where Dunnigan was killed.

After Dunnigan was fatally felled these same dogs again picked up the trail of the man they sought, and it was leading AWAY from the Dunnigan home.

"We thought he was inside," deputies told the Courier.

Mrs. Dunnigan told this re-

porter: "The man did come to our back door but he was a drinking man and my husband wouldn't let him in. Why didn't the police tell us they was looking for him? We'd a told them he wasn't in our house."

What daily papers and wire services apparently ignored was that Mrs. Louise Dunnigan, the stout 41-year-old wife of Willie, was also shot by the sheriff's men—deputies and possemen. She was wounded in the left arm and across the stomach. She and her husband were taken to Chilton County Hospital, where Willie died within a few hours. No autopsy was ordered.

What was it all about? Let's hear what Mrs. Dunnigan told this reporter:

The widow said she, her husband and four of their eight children were in bed in their little house—actually a shack—that night. Two of their eight children are grown and married, and two others were sleeping elsewhere that night.

"They knocked on the door, all a-cussing and said 'Come on out, we want to talk with you,' but we were scared, because we thought it was that other gang," she said. She then told of the crosses burned by the Ku Klux Klan on the Thursday night before, and the ride of the Klansmen through the Negro section. (That is an isolated area, which lends itself well to local intimidation when done in force.)

"He didn't say anything," the widow went on, "then one of them was at the back door and kicked it down. That's when my husband started shooting."

At this point the Courier asked Mrs. Dunnigan twice if the policemen said they were police officers.

"Not until that one kicked the door down and my husband started shooting, did they say they

was the law," Mrs. Dunnigan replied. "All the time we was scared and we thought they was that other gang." She meant the Klan crowd.

Sheriff Champion said his men had properly identified themselves as police officers. Willie

was a farmer most of the time, but for several months had worked on a north-bound gas pipeline from Texas to New York. One week before he was killed, he had been laid off for two weeks, his widow said.

He didn't smoke nor drink. He had never been in trouble with anyone, his kin told the Courier, and he was a religious man. From the general appearance of the neighborhood in which he lived, it was obvious that none but hard-working, honest and humble people lived.

There is nothing in the area conducive to being "smart," either as regards whisky or number of women. This reporter gave the community a good hard look.

Rumors that NAACP actions might have brought on the strife are stupid, I asked Mrs. Dunnigan about the NAACP. "I don't know anything about it," she said, and I do believe her. Mrs. Dunnigan is the typical backwoods farm housewife, weighing around 180 or more.

She and Willie were both born and reared in Dallas County, have been married 23 years, and came here six years ago. They made no enemies. In their rural community that actually would have been almost impossible.

But there ARE angles to this affair in Chilton County, and the chief offender seems to be the Klan, which Alabama Atty. Gen. John Patterson allows to operate unchallenged, despite its subversive nature.

Lomax Negroes WERE "ready" and waiting on that night and several others which followed the Klan "Statewide Achievement Week" in which they burned several crosses in Clanton and its suburbs, Lomax included.

It was this Klan demonstration which put the Negroes on the alert, especially since they are not afraid of the Klan any more. Thus the desire to be armed and ready for whatever may happen—if the Klan moved in. And Willie Dunnigan HAD to protect his wife and children from marauders, masquerading as officers of the law, for they HAVE DONE that in Alabama in recent weeks.

Next week this reporter will give you a report on that side of Alabama! But—like Will Martin Sr., Willie Dunnigan has been a victim of "the law" . . . Alabama law, that is!

9249

Florida Posse New Chief Is Fugitive Navy Chief

SANFORD, Fla., Dec. 1 (UPI) — A 39-year-old chief petty officer wanted for killing one man and wounding two others was shot to death today after he opened fire on a sheriff's posse.

CPO William H. Kelly was killed by a fusillade from officers as he crouched in a ditch in Osceola National Forest, 10 miles from his base at Sanford Naval Air Station.

Moments before he was cut down, Kelly opened fire on the officers with a pistol from a distance of six to eight yards. The gun battle occurred at 2 a.m. Thirty to 40 officers were involved.

PREVIOUS SHOOTINGS

Five hours earlier, Kelly, who had been drinking, shot and killed CPO Floyd E. Dobbins, 36, during an argument in the chiefs' club at the naval air station, the base administrative officer said.

Comdr. T. C. Dean said Kelly fled from the club in a car and shot and wounded CPO J. R. Van Landingham, 28, a base gate guard who tried to stop him. Van Landingham was listed in critical condition at an Orlando hospital.

Kelly then drove to the national forest where Ranger W. H. Jones of Maitland attempted to stop him. Jones, making routine checks of vehicles entering the park, was shot by Kelly. Jones was listed in good condition at a hospital.

A few minutes later Kelly's car left a road in the park and overturned. Dean said the posse, aided by bloodhounds, was able to follow Kelly's trail. He injured his back and an arm in the car wreck and left a trail of blood.

The posse, Dean said, was moving up a road when Kelly opened fire without warning.

"It was a miracle that no one was hit by Kelly from that short distance," Dean said.

"It was dark and he was sitting in a ditch beside the road. The ditch was full of saw grass and mud and he was well hidden,"

POSSE OPENS FIRE

Kelly fired four shots and six were returned by the posse. Dean said a charge of buckshot from a shotgun struck Kelly above the left eye and several other shots struck his body.

The chief was a Navy career man with 22 years of service. The body was claimed by Navy doctors from the base.

Dobbins, a widower, had five children. They had come to the base to visit him Thanksgiving day.

Sailor Slain After Fighting On Big Posse

Was Wanted for Killing One Man, Wounding 2

SANFORD, Fla., Dec. 1 (UPI) — A 39-year-old chief petty officer wanted for killing one man and wounding two others was shot to death Sunday after he fired on a sheriff's posse.

CPO William H. Kelly was killed by a fusillade from officers' guns as he crouched in a ditch in Osceola National Forest, 10 miles from his base at Sanford Naval Air Station.

Moments before he was cut down, Kelly opened fire on the officers with a pistol from a distance of 6 to 8 yards. Thirty to 40 officers were involved.

Shot Navy Chief at Club

Five hours earlier, Kelly, who had been drinking, shot and killed CPO Floyd E. Dobbins, 36, during an argument in the Chiefs' Club at the air station, the base administrative officer said.

Comdr. T. C. Dean said Kelly fled from the club in a car and shot and wounded Chief Petty Officer J. R. Van Landingham, 28, a base guard who tried to stop him.

Kelly then drove to the national forest, where Ranger W. H. Jones of Maitland attempted to stop him. Jones, making routine checks of vehicles entering the park, was shot and wounded by Kelly.

A few minutes later Kelly's car left a road in the park and overturned. Dean said the posse, aided by bloodhounds, was able to follow Kelly's trail.

SHOOTS THREE, SLAIN BY POSSE

Kills One, Wounds Two and Flees to Forest

SANFORD, Fla., Dec. 1 (UPI) — A navy chief petty officer wanted for killing one man

and wounding two others was shot to death today after he opened fire on a sheriff's posse.

William H. Kelly, 39, was killed by a fusillade from officers' guns as he crouched in a ditch in Osceola national forest, 10 miles from his base at Sanford naval air station.

Moments before he was cut down, Kelly opened fire on



the officers with a pistol from a distance of six to eight yards. The gun battle occurred at 2 a.m. Thirty to 40 officers were involved.

Kills Chief Petty Officer

Five hours earlier Kelly, who had been drinking, shot and killed Chief Petty Officer Floyd E. Dobbins, 36, during an argument in the chiefs' club at the naval air station, the base administrative officer said.

Dobbins, a widower, had five children. They had come to the base to visit him Thanksgiving day.

Comdr. T. C. Dean said to the base to visit him Thanksgiving day.

Kelly fled from the club in a car and shot and wounded Chief Petty Officer J. R. Van Landingham, 28, a base gate guard who tried to stop him. Van Landingham was listed in critical condition at an Orlando hospital.

Kelly then drove to the national forest where Ranger W. H. Jones attempted to stop him. Jones, making routine checks of vehicles entering the park, was shot by Kelly. Jones was listed in good condition at a hospital.

Leaves Trail of Blood

A few minutes later Kelly's car left a road in the park and overturned. Dean said the posse, aided by bloodhounds, was able to follow Kelly's trail.

William H. Kelly, 39, was killed by a fusillade from officers' guns as he crouched in a ditch in Osceola national forest, 10 miles from his base at Sanford naval air station.

Moments before he was cut down, Kelly opened fire on

the officers with a pistol from a distance of six to eight yards. The gun battle occurred at 2 a.m. Thirty to 40 officers were involved.

It was a miracle that no one was hit by Kelly from that short distance," Dean said.

"It was dark and he was sitting in a ditch beside the road. The ditch was full of saw grass and mud and he was well hidden.

Ten Shots Exchanged

Kelly fired four shots and six were returned by the posse. Dean said a charge of buckshot from a shotgun struck Kelly above the left eye and several other shots struck his body.

The chief was wearing only a T-shirt and bermuda shorts. He was barefoot. The temperature was in the low 40s.

He was a navy career man with 22 years of service. The body was claimed by navy doctors from the base.

Dobbins, a widower, had five children. They had come to the base to visit him Thanksgiving day.

9250

IN GEORGIA

Posse Nabs Escapee of Road Camp

Times Union

TIFTON, Ga., Aug. 21 (AP) — A posse captured a Negro works camp escapee today 27 hours after officers said he raped an 18-year-old white mother. He was recaptured away to an undisclosed place for safekeeping.

The state patrol said the 6-foot-1 fugitive, identified as John Henry White, 25, of Macon, was spotted in a wooded area behind the residence of Emory Dominy in nearby Enigma.

He was captured quickly and without putting up any resistance.

The patrol said, among the volunteers who took part in the manhunt, was high last night, but many were still sleeping this morning when the man was nabbed.

Department of Correction officials said White was serving three concurrent three-to-four year sentences for forgery in Bibb County when he escaped from a Berrien County works camp in a truck early yesterday.

A short time later he appeared south of Nashville at the farm home of a young mother with a year-old child. Her husband had been off for work 20 minutes before.

GBI Agent H. V. Grantham quoted the mother as saying a Negro man walked into the house with an open knife in his hand and demanded a shirt and trousers. She gave them to him.

Then, he quoted her as saying, the fugitive slapped the baby three times, grabbed her by the neck, pushed her into the bedroom and raped her.

Afterward, Grantham said the mother told him the man threatened to kill her and the child if she left the house. She sat on the porch for five minutes and then stopped the first car that came past.

A posse was formed imme-

Posse Hunts *Journal +* Man Who Shot *Constitution* State Trooper

Aug. 8-18-57
Special to The Atlanta Journal

ROBERTA, Ga., Aug. 17 — A posse was formed in Crawford County, near here Saturday to search for a Negro man who after her husband left for work,

wounded a Georgia state trooper slapped her baby and pushed her in the shoulder with a shotgun.

The injured trooper, Jack Barker, of the Thomaston State Patrol Station was not believed seriously injured.

He was given first aid treatment after he was shot and joined in the chase for his assailant.

The shooting occurred early Saturday afternoon about 2½ miles north of Roberta on U. S. Highway 341.

Aug. 8-22-57
TROOPERS SAID the shooting occurred after Barker stopped the Negro man for questioning along the highway. The Negro was on foot.

Crawford County lawmen were called in to assist state troopers of Thomaston in the search for

Officers said the man was believed to be "hemmed in some woods" not far from the shooting scene later Saturday afternoon.

Bloodhounds were put into the hunt shortly after the incident occurred. They were taken to the trail from adjoining Upson County.

Rape Suspect

Whisked To Secret Jail

Aug. 20

TIFTON, Ga. — (INS) — A huge Negro road-gang escapee is in an undisclosed jail near Tifton for further questioning in the rape of a young white mother.

John Henry White, 25, was recaptured in the wooded area near Enigma, Ga. He had escaped from a Barrien county work camp

detail Tuesday.

A posse of more than 300 law enforcement officers and citizens had joined in the search for the 6-foot 3 convict after he was accused of attacking an 18-year-old Nashville, Ga., woman.

The state patrol said feeling was running high just before he was apprehended but "it was all over before they had a chance to get worked up again."

The attacked woman said the fugitive had walked into her house searching for a Negro man who after her husband left for work, wounded a Georgia state trooper slapped her baby and pushed her in the shoulder with a shotgun.

The injured trooper, Jack Barker, of the Thomaston State Patrol Station was not believed seriously injured.

He was given first aid treatment after he was shot and joined in the chase for his assailant.

The shooting occurred early Saturday afternoon about 2½ miles north of Roberta on U. S. Highway 341.

Aug. 8-22-57
TROOPERS SAID the shooting occurred after Barker stopped the Negro man for questioning along the highway. The Negro was on foot.

Crawford County lawmen were called in to assist state troopers of Thomaston in the search for

Officers said the man was believed to be "hemmed in some woods" not far from the shooting scene later Saturday afternoon.

Bloodhounds were put into the hunt shortly after the incident occurred. They were taken to the trail from adjoining Upson County.

Rape Suspect

Whisked To Secret Jail

Aug. 20

TIFTON, Ga. — (INS) — A huge Negro road-gang escapee is in an undisclosed jail near Tifton for further questioning in the rape of a young white mother.

John Henry White, 25, was recaptured in the wooded area near Enigma, Ga. He had escaped from a Barrien county work camp

9251

Negro Reported Seized, Missing Post Herald

PONTOTOC, Nov. 10 (AP)—Officers said today they are investigating a report that a 16-year-old Negro youth was seized by some white men 11 days ago and has not been seen since.

The announcement came within an hour of Scarbrough's stating that "there is no racial issue" in the youth's disappearance.

One of the last persons to see Bradford was Will Jones, the white man on whose place Fannie Clyde Walker, the youth's sister, lives. Jones said Bradford borrowed his ax the afternoon of Oct. 31 and "I never saw him again."

Officers declined to discuss possible motives for the action.

There were unconfirmed reports that some white men are held for questioning but Crockett and Sheriff M. C. Hembree declined comment. Hembree would say only that his office was investigating a report that a Negro youth had been seized by white men.

Crockett said Hembree sought the help of the patrol's identification bureau. J. M. Lopez of Memphis, FBI agent in charge whose territory includes North Mississippi, declined to comment on reports that FBI agents are taking part in the investigation.

Missing Negro youth found; never harmed

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 12—(AP) A 16-year-old Pontotoc, Miss., Negro youth missing since Oct. 31 has been located and "he's unharmed," Public Safety Commissioner Tom Scarbrough announced today.

Scarbrough said young Jesse Harvey Bradford has been taken to the office of Sheriff M. C. Hembree at Pontotoc "and is being questioned now about his disappearance and where he's been."

The Pontotoc Progress said Bradford rode into Pontotoc on a bus at noon and was seen when he walked into a store. The newspaper said the youth told of having been "off visiting down

around" Columbus, Miss.

Scarbrough said word of Bradford's being found came from D. B. Crockett, the investigator which the Highway Patrol sent to Pontotoc in response to an appeal by Hembree for help.

The announcement came within an hour of Scarbrough's stating that "there is no racial issue" in the youth's disappearance.

One of the last persons to see Bradford was Will Jones, the white man on whose place Fannie Clyde Walker, the youth's sister, lives. Jones said Bradford borrowed his ax the afternoon of Oct. 31 and "I never saw him again."

Officers declined to discuss possible motives for the action.

There were unconfirmed reports that some white men are held for questioning but Crockett and Sheriff M. C. Hembree declined comment. Hembree would say only that his office was investigating a report that a Negro youth had been seized by white men.

Crockett said Hembree sought the help of the patrol's identification bureau. J. M. Lopez of Memphis, FBI agent in charge whose territory includes North Mississippi, declined to comment on reports that FBI agents are taking part in the investigation.

Two Negroes Are Jailed In Jesse Bradford Case

Commercial INVESTIGATORS SILENT

By JAMES KINGSLEY
Special to The Commercial Appeal

PONTOTOC, Miss., Nov. 11.—Two Negroes have been jailed for questioning in the disappearance of a 16-year-old Negro boy who has been missing 12 days.

Beyond the announcement that the two are being questioned, officers said they had nothing to report. They declined to speculate on whether Jesse Harvey Bradford may have met with foul play.

Sheriff M. C. Hembree identified the Negroes as Charles McAlister and David Walker, a brother-in-law of Bradford. The sheriff declined to say what information he has obtained from the pair.

Sheriff Hembree said McAlister is reported to have told other Negroes that he saw Bradford

forced into a vehicle at gunpoint by "some white men." Since being placed in jail, McAlister has not talked about the case, the sheriff added.

Know Of No Incident

Speculation was widespread locally as to whether the Negro youth's disappearance was connected with a racial incident or whether he departed for parts unknown of his own volition. Officers said they do not know of any racial incident connected with the youth.

Bradford stands about four feet two inches and weighs about 110 pounds, his family said. He was reported to have gone to the Cities Service station from the home of his sister to purchase three soft drinks and two apples about 2:30 p.m. Oct. 31. He never returned.

The distance from the home of his sister, Fannie Clyde Walker, to the service station is about 400 yards up a gravel road.

Bradford is the son of Margaret Herron of Springdale community, about 11 miles southwest of Pontotoc. Sheriff Hembree said she reported he had never left home previously.

She is the mother of six other children. The father died when the youngster was a year old.

Emmie Lee Bradford, sister of the missing youth, said "Jesse always loved to work. He was a smart boy and I know he would not leave home like this. He went to spend a few days with sister, Fannie Clyde Walker, and has not been seen since. Fannie thought after he did not return to her home that afternoon that he came home. She picked cotton the next day and then Saturday she came to our house. That is when we found out he was missing," she said.

He Failed Subjects

The principal of the Negro school which Bradford attended reported the boy was "retained" in the fourth grade after he failed his subjects. His grades were "F" and "D."

A Negro neighbor said, "We are getting worried about the boy now. He has been missing so long and, with the rumors he was taken away, we are afraid something may have happened to him."

Will Jones, a white man, on whose place the Walkers live, said he saw the boy the after-

noon of Oct. 31. "He borrowed my ax and then returned it. He came back later to borrow it again while I was working on the roof of my house. I never saw him again," Mr. Jones said.

Officers Monday declined comment on reports four white men had been taken to Jackson for lie detector tests last week. Officers began investigating the case a week ago. The investigation was made public Sunday.

Mississippi Negro Missing 12 Days Returns Unharmed

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 12.—A 16-year-old Pontotoc, Miss., Negro missing since Oct. 31 has been located and "he's unharmed," Public Safety Commissioner Tom Scarbrough announced today.

Scarbrough said the youth, Jesse Harvey Bradford, has been taken to the office of Sheriff M. C. Hembree at Pontotoc "and is being questioned now about his disappearance and where he's been."

Scarbrough said word of Bradford's being found came from D. B. Crockett, an investigator sent to Pontotoc in response to an appeal by Hembree for help.

Scarbrough could not immediately provide details on where or how the youth was found.

The announcement came within an hour of Scarbrough stating that "there is no racial issue" in the youth's disappearance.



Bradford

Mystery Still Hangs Over 11-Day Absence Of Mississippi Boy, 16

By ERNESTINE COFIELD

PONTOTOC, Miss. — Jesse Bradford, 16-year-old cotton picker, walked into a grocery store and asked for a package of cigarettes shortly before noon Tuesday morning, thus giving the community of Pontotoc, Miss., a chance to breath again for the first time in almost two weeks.

Speculation still continues in this farm town of 4,000 as to why Jesse disappeared on Hal-loween day. The most persistent rumor is that he found a cache of whiskey and was kidnapped by bootleggers.

Before the youth could answer any questions or even see his mother, Mrs. Margaret Herron, he was whisked off to an unknown destination by the FBI and Sheriff M. C. Hembree.

On hearing of Jesse's safe return, his 49-year-old mother, Mrs. Herron, could only repeat over and over again, "If they'd bring him back so I could see him, I'd be so happy."

When the youth disappeared last Oct. 31, between two and three p. m., it was believed the same fate had befallen him that 14-year-old Emmett Till suffered in that cotton country a little more than two years ago.

Typical reaction of the whites when the announcement was made that Jesse had returned safely was expressed by aged Mrs. Lena Jones, "It's such a relief he's found. I was so afraid they'd hurt him. I'm so relieved."

At the time of Jesse's disappearance, he was visiting his sister, Mrs. Fannie Clyde Walker, who lived on the Jones' farm a few blocks out of town.

No one was sure whether the FBI and the sheriff had taken Jesse to Clarksdale or to Columbus. Reportedly, the youth had gotten off a bus coming from Columbus. The general belief was that they had taken him to Columbus to show them where his kidnappers had held him.

Still in jail at the time of Jesse's

return was his brother-in-law, David Walker. The only reason anyone could give for police holding Mr. Walker was for "his own protection."

Charlie "Biggums" W. McAllister, whose story of seeing white men force the fourth grade student into a car in front of a filling station was released shortly after noon Tuesday.

Mrs. Walker's reply when asked about "Biggums" story was "He's a big ole story teller".

His story couldn't be checked because none of the persons questioned knew where he lived.

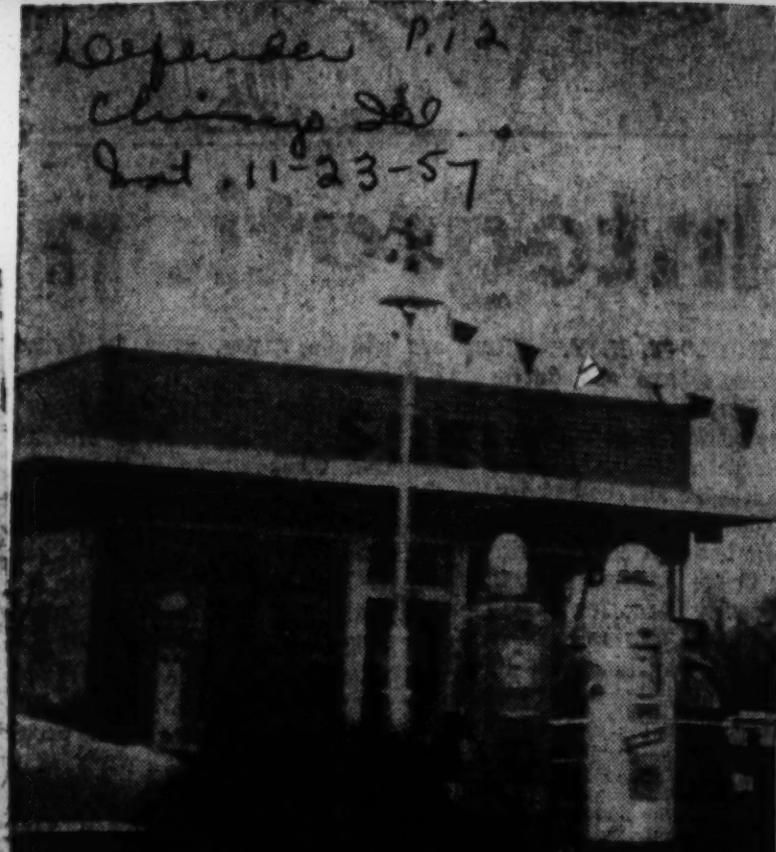
Another mystery surrounding Jesse is where did he get money for busfare from Columbus, which is approximately 85 miles from his home and costs \$2.55 one way, and for cigarettes. When he left his sister's home, he only had the 25 cents she had given him for soft drinks. According to witnesses he bought the drinks.

These questions can only be answered by Jesse and the men who abducted him.



FAMILY HOME — It was from this two room shack that Jesse Bradford went to buy three bottles of soft drink and started a manhunt in the pre-

dominately white community of Pontotoc, Miss. A Negro reported seeing several white men force the youth into a car.



ON THIS SPOT — Jesse Bradford purchased three bottles of soft drink at this filling station in Pontotoc, Miss.

m. Thursday, Oct. 31, and disappeared until two weeks later when he got off a bus from Columbus, Miss.



WHEN TOLD that Jesse Bradford had returned to Pontotoc safely, Mrs. Fannie Clyde Walker, his sister (left) and Mrs. Margaret Herron, his mother (right) trip up in surprise.

11-23-57
Clipper P. 12
Lad. 11-23-57

27j 1957

MISISSIPPI

9252

~~Commercial Appeal~~
**TROOPER KILLS MAN
WHO FIRES ON POSSE**
~~Officer~~ 1-48
Negro Farm Hand Was
Sought For Murder

~~Memphis~~
ACTION NEAR COMO, MISS.

~~27~~ 2-14-57
Special to The Commercial Appeal

Marks, Miss., Feb. 13. — A 28-year-old Negro farm hand, sought for shooting another Negro, was killed on a county road near Como Wednesday afternoon after he fired at a posse.

Sheriff L. V. Harrison said Edgar White, farm hand on the J. W. Lollar Plantation of the Birdie Community near Darling, was killed when he turned to fire at Mississippi Highway Patrolman W. C. Darby of Marks.

A posse led by Sheriff Harrison, found White about 3:30 p.m. on a county road near Como.

White Fires Gun

"Patrolman Darby told White to throw down his gun. White, mistaking the direction of the order, whirled and fired once. When he turned to fire at Patrolman Darby, the officer shot and killed him with a high powered rifle," Sheriff Harrison said.

White was carrying a .22 caliber rifle with 18 cartridges still in the magazine of the rifle. He had 28 shells in his pocket.

The search for White began early Wednesday morning when J. W. Lollar, plantation operator, stopped White. Mr. Lollar did not know that White had killed E. W. Coleman, 22, Negro farm hand on the same plantation, but he saw that the Negro had a rifle in car.

Negro Drove Off

Mr. Lollar asked White for the rifle and the Negro mumbled something and sped away.

Mr. Lollar seeing that White was in Coleman's car went to the Coleman house and learned that Coleman had been killed. He was able trace White to Sledge and then to Falcon, where Fire Marshal Elzy Smith had found the abandoned car.

Sheriff Harrison said that shooting of Coleman by White was unprovoked.

**Negro Charged
With Rape Moved
To Jackson For
Safe Keeping**

Philadelphia, Miss., Bishop Nash
a 52-year-old Negro man has been moved to the Hinds County jail in Jackson for safe keeping according to Neshoba County Sheriff George Harrington.

The Sheriff reported that feelings are still running high in the county over the attack, allegedly made by Nash on the wife of a school teacher. The alleged attack took place on the night of June 29, following which Nash's house was burned.

Nash reportedly assaulted the woman twice as he held her captive for six hours.

The Sheriff said Nash will be held without bond until the Grand Jury meets, Sept. 16. He said he has not decided how long the man will be kept in the Hinds County jail.

**Posse Continues
Search of Area**

Pittsboro, Miss., Aug. 30
—A posse seeking a Negro accused of raping a 60-year-old white woman Friday operated on the assumption the man remained in the area after being arrested officers in a hail of bullets.

Calhoun county Sheriff W. J. Shoemake identified the Negro as Vernon Armstrong, 32-year-old farm hand, and said he believed the man stayed near the Monroe Willis farm where he worked.

The white woman signed a complaint that Armstrong raped her in her home Sunday while her husband was away.

During the arrest, officers said, Armstrong fled into a dense woods while officers shot at him. He fell once, leading deputy Grover Carter to believe he was wounded.

Sheriff Shoemake said officers believed also that Armstrong ate breakfast Friday in the home of a white man during his absence.

9253

Posse Nabs Man Four Hours After N.C. Bank Holdup

FLETCHER, N.C., Dec. 11 (AP)—did not resist.

A 23-year-old Brevard man was M. P. Chiles, head of the Char-
tered by a posse in the rugged lotte FBI office, said Osborne was
mountainous area south of here to carrying a hand bag containing
day some four hours after the the stolen bank foot. 12-57
FBI said he robbed a branch bank. The arrest resulted from a quick
here of \$1,849.

P 1-B dragnet set up in the Western
Two North Carolina Wildlife North Carolina mountains shortly
Commission rangers arrested Zeb after an unshaven man walked
Osborne after bloodhounds had led into the Fletcher branch of the
~~Bank of the~~ ~~State Trust Co.~~ pulled a pistol
with an old model revolver, and demanded that tellers fill a

brown paper bag with money.

Bank Manager John Briggs
stood by helplessly as Mrs. Wilma
Johnson and Mrs. Wanda Green-
wood, the tellers, drew money
from a till near the teller window
and handed it to the gunman. The
man backed toward the door,
warning:

"Don't say a word or I'll come
back and shoot all of you."

Only Briggs and the two women
were in the bank at the time, and
the gunman passed a bank cus-
tomer who was just entering as he
was leaving. The man fled in a
1950 green Chevrolet, which Chiles
said was stolen in Honea Path,
S.C., last night.

Shortly after the robbery, Hen-
derson County Deputy Sheriff B.
P. Justice, who was setting up a
road block on Highway 64 to the
South of here, spotted the fleeing
man and gave chase. The man
abandoned the car at the end of a
dead end road after running it into
a ditch and fled into a wooded
area.

The area was quickly surround-
ed by highway patrolmen and
sheriff's officers from Henderson
and Transylvania counties. Blood-
hounds were brought in.

One hound was handled by
Avon O. Ray, a ranger for the
Wildlife Commission. Another dog
was handled by Wayne Wiggins,
also of the Wildlife Commission.
Ray came up on Osborne and ar-
rested him, with Wiggins coming
in to lend assistance.



BANK ROBBERY SUSPECT SOON CAPTURED
Zeb Osborne, 23, is Held By Capt. Earl Deweese

9254

Four men are kicked, cut and beaten in S.C. mob attack

By JOHN H. McCRAY

WELLS, S.C. — A mob of 15 or 17 white men, ranging in ages from "20 to 67," with a hunger for "n----- meat," beat, kicked and cut four colored men in the small Orangeburg County rural community Friday night.

County and state police officers said a hunt was under way for the suspects, the leader of whom was described by the victims as being "about 37 years old, bushy headed and loud mouthed."

Victims of the assaults, which occurred between 11 and 11:30 p.m. at the Wells Service Center, a combination grill and filling station at the intersection of U.S. Highway 15 and S.C. Highway 176, about five miles north of Holly Hill, were:

JOHN (GENERAL) Johnson, a 65-year-old farm handyman; 15-year-old J. C. Johnson (no relation); Sonny Waymer, 17, and Edward Clark. The elder Mr. Johnson, whose right cheek was slashed by the blade of a "hawk bill" knife, gave the AFRO an account of the assault before.

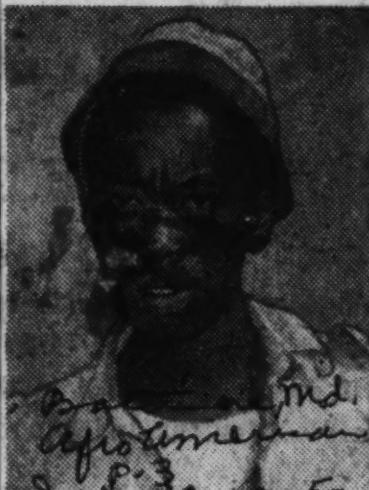
He and a friend, Edward Clark, had left "Butto's place," a sort of country store, in the latter's car for the Johnson home. Mr. Clark was to let him out and then go home himself.

REACHING THE junction of Highway 176 and the dirt farm road which leads to the Johnson home, Mr. Clark suggested that Mr. Johnson ride with him to Wells Center where he planned purchasing a package of cigarettes.

"When we drove up," Mr. Johnson said, "we saw about 15 or 17 white men under the grease pit shed. They were singing. There also were Paul Lewis, his son Edgar, Sonny Waymer and J. C. Johnson."

"Mr. Lewis and the three young men with him in his car were working on the automobile."

"THE WHITE MEN stopped singing and were looking at us. I'd never seen any of them



Dat. 10-11-59

J. C. JOHNSON, 15-year-old farmhand, severely beaten by mob of white persons, suffered pummeled face, stomach and other body injuries as 17 men kicked and stomped him on ground after a hefty 200-pounder felled him with fist blows. He couldn't identify attackers, with whom he had not spoken. None has been arrested nor has cases been reported in newspapers. Note swollen lower left jaw.

Meanwhile, Clark had made it to his car and had opened the door for Mr. Johnson, planning to get away as soon as his friend reached the vehicle.

THE MOB LEADER, cursing and advancing, took several swipes at Mr. Johnson, he said, but missed. The others had pulled knives and icepicks from their shirts, he said, and were also advancing.

"I kept ducking my head when he swung at me," Mr. Johnson said. "I believe I hit him once or twice. I'm pretty sure I got him once in the chest. He didn't come on as fast after that."

Mr. Johnson finally backed into the car and slammed the door. "I might have escaped clean," he said, "but Clark was so upset he didn't start

Young Johnson, witness to the scene, turned to face the man and was knocked half-way across the hood of the car by a blow on the left eye, rounded the automobile and The attacker yanked him to begin to smash windows in

the vehicle and throw at the two men.

One bottle crashed against the back of Clark's head as he ducked, Mr. Johnson said.

The leader had pursued Mr. Johnson to the car and smashed out the window on the yester "gun him," slammed sides where he sat. He swung both fists into the boy's sto-at Mr. Johnson's head several times, missing.

AS THE BOY FELL screaming to the ground, others joined the leader in kicking, hitting inch slash in Mr. Johnson's face. and assaulting him as he grov-fac-eled on the ground.

Sonny Waymer started, he slashed into the right leg of said, to come to the aid of his friend but after being struck places on the body of young J. C. Johnson who, unseen, had crawled to the blind side of the Clark vehicle and pulled

Mr. Johnson said the action developed so quickly that he car, hiding on the floor. and Mr. Clark hadn't had time Clark, finally regaining com-to regain composure and leave posure, had started the car and when the leader turned to him shot it away as the attackers and said:

A mile away, young Johnson lifted himself from the rear na git some of your (blank)."

Mr. Johnson said the leader was advancing on him, flanked on both sides by several others of the group who had turned away from J. C. Johnson.

"I felt in my pocket for my old piece of knife," he said, and told him I didn't think he would, all the time backing up trying to get to the car," Mr. Johnson said.

The victims all agreed in separate interviews with the AFRO that the proprietor of Wells Center wasn't in the establishment at the time of the attack.
